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Israeli gunners pound south Lebanon villages

BEIRUT, May 25 (Agencies) — Israeli border gunners blasted villages in southern Lebanon for the third successive day Friday.

Lebanon radio said the Israeli gunners hit Reihan, Nabatieh and Achiye, killing one person and wounding many. Palestine Liberation Organization officials, whose forces maintain presence in the hit villages, said their forces were on alert, but they did not report returning fire.

In Beirut, Syrian peacekeeping forces and Lebanese right-wing militias traded artillery, rockets and machine-gun fire overnight Friday.

The authorities said a total of 36 Palestinians and Lebanese have been killed in Israeli air, sea and artillery assaults in the last 72 hours. More than 50 have been wounded.

The PLO claimed responsibility for two bombings in Petah Tikva.

Germany expects 25% oil price hike

BONN, May 25 (R) — West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff predicted Wednesday the price of crude oil would rise this year by more than 25 percent.

Count Lambsdorff told journalists his forecast was based on calculations for the first four months of this year. He said the latest figures showed West Germany's oil supplies were strained but not critical.

The minister repeated his call for greater fuel saving which he said remained the most urgent goal of Bonn's energy policy.

Arafat warns against imposed settlement

LONDON, May 25 (R) — Palestinian commander Yasser Arafat has said in an interview that "the temple will fall around all those in it" if the United States, Egypt and Israel attempted to impose unacceptable conditions on the Palestinians.

The interview with the London-based Arabic-language daily "Asharq Al-Awsat" was published Friday — when negotiations started between Egypt, Israel and the United States on establishing a self-governing Palestinian authority in the Israeli-occupied territories.

"By God the whole temple will fall. America must realize that it is not pushing a pussy cat into a corner but a tiger which will bounce back," he added.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), of whom Arafat is chairman, has condemned the talks and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaties under which they are being held.

Interviewed in Beirut, Arafat told the newspaper that what was being offered to the Palestinians in

six miles north of Tel Aviv, and Jerusalem during the same period. Three Israelis were killed and 35 wounded in the two blasts by official counts.

The PLO said many of the Palestinian victims of an Israeli air raid on the coastal town of Damour Wednesday were school boys rocketed during a soccer game.

Damour, 10 miles south of Beirut, was the hardest hit target during the last two days of Israeli-Palestinian hostilities.

The latest attacks brought the number of Lebanese and Palestinian casualties to 120 dead and more than 350 wounded since Egypt and Israel signed their peace treaty on March 26.

Israeli losses in commando operations were officially put at 18 killed and more than 208 wounded in 1979.

Government sources in Beirut confirmed that Syrian MIG-21 jets intervened Thursday to protect Syrian anti-aircraft missile batteries installed in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley.

Syrian and Israeli planes did not make contact. The Syrians have 22,000 troops policing a 30-month-old civil war armistice between Lebanon's rightist and an alliance of leftists and commandos.

The rightists accused the Syrians of starting the overnight sniping and shelling, claiming militiamen refrained from shooting back.

Beirut police said rightists and Syrians traded machine gun, mortar, and rocket fire in Beirut's downtown business center on the "green line" that separates the capital into two zones.

The fighting spread to other traditional hot spots on the dividing line and the Syrians eventually opened up with heavy artillery and

rocket launchers overnight, said a police spokesman. Explosions and the crackle of machine-guns tapered off at daybreak.

The rightists said their areas suffered several fires and 15 cars were wrecked by the bombardment. Neither side reported casualties, however.

On Thursday night, Lebanon accused Israel of "very serious acts of aggression" involving air, naval and artillery attacks which had killed a number of civilians and were still continuing.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Lebanese U.N. representative Ghassan Tuani said Israel had given no reason for the attacks, which had caused extensive damage to property. The letter did not call for any specific U.N. action.

Tuani said commando attacks within Israel did not justify aggression across the border.

"We strongly reject that such serious escalation be 'justified' by a so-called policy of preemptive strikes, or by the inadmissible 'right of hot pursuit', let alone retaliation on civilians who in no way can be held responsible for any acts of war, more particularly when such acts are committed well inside Israel," he said.

Syria, Israel agree to renew U.N. term

UNITED NATIONS, May 25 (R) — Syria and Israel have agreed to a United Nations observer force remaining on the Golan Heights for a further six months, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said Thursday.

The current six-month mandate of the U.N. Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF), which serves as a buffer between the Syrian and Israeli armies, expires at the end of this month and the Security Council will meet shortly to renew it.

Waldheim also told a press conference that the Soviet Union had informed him it had not yet decided what it would do when the mandate of the U.N. Emergency Force (UNEF) in Sinai, which expires on July 24, comes up for renewal by the Council.

The Soviet Union is one of the five permanent Council members with the power of veto.

The secretary-general, who recently visited Moscow during an extensive trip abroad, said the Soviet Union was against any involvement of UNEF in implementation of the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement signed in March.

"It was informed by Moscow that their position regarding the future of UNEF has not been decided yet and it is my feeling that the attitude of the Arab countries will play a role," he said.

When a questioner noted that Israel was due to withdraw from a part of Sinai this week, Waldheim stressed that UNEF "will stay where they are" until the Security Council had made a new decision.

Asked about the possibility that

Khaled cables Hussein, Numeiri, Videla



King Khaled

RIYADH, May 25 (SPA) — King Khaled Friday cabled congratulations to King Hussein of Jordan, President Jaafar Numeiri of Sudan and President Jorge Rafael Videla of Argentina on their countries' national day.

Palestinian autonomy talks open with sharp exchange

BEERSHEBA, May 25, (R) — Talks on Palestinian autonomy opened Friday with a sharp clash of views between Israel and Egypt on how much freedom should be granted to Palestinians in Israeli-occupied territory.

Egypt's chief delegate, Defense Minister Kamal Hassan Ali, set the tone with a statement declaring:

"We are not here to determine the future of the Palestinian people, for self-determination is their God-given right."

He said the task of the Israeli, Egyptian and United States delegates was simply to define the powers of the proposed self-governing authority for the West Bank and Gaza.

The head of Israel's delegation, Interior Minister Josef Burg, immediately flung back the challenge: "What I must make clear and what must be understood from the outset," Burg said, "is that autonomy does not and cannot imply sovereignty."

The statements illustrated the difficulties ahead in these negotiations to implement the autonomy proposals set out in the Camp David summit accords of last September.

No Palestinian representatives are participating in the talks. Palestinian leaders have rejected the autonomy concept as a guise for perpetuating Israel's occupation.

The meeting started just two and a half hours after Israeli troops pulled out of a coastal strip in northern Sinai as part of the step-by-step withdrawal from Egyptian land as prescribed by the peace treaty signed last March.

U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance referred to the pullout as "the first fruit" of the treaty.

Acknowledging the difficulties ahead in the autonomy negotiations, Vance drew comfort from the fact that such a meeting was possible at all.

"We are able, for the first time in more than three decades, to turn our attention to the practical

solution of a central issue of the Arab-Israeli conflict — peace between Israel and the Palestinian people," he said.

The U.S. views on autonomy are somewhat closer to those of Egypt than to the policy expounded by Israel, which is that Palestinians should be offered only limited self-rule under strict Israeli control.

Explaining this view, Burg said: "Israel will never agree and

indeed totally rejects propositions of declarations for establishment of a Palestinian state. By everything we know it would be a certain prescription for violence and war."

After the public statements, delegates withdrew for a brief private session and the talks adjourned until the next meeting in Alexandria on June 3.

Gen. Ali, who came here as a last-minute replacement for

Egypt's Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, immediately flew back to Cairo. He said Khalil would head the Egyptian delegation at the next autonomy meeting.

Both Vance and Gen. Ali deplored the acrimonious atmosphere generated by recent tough speeches on autonomy.

"This is a time for maximum restraint and far-sightedness," Vance said. He called on all parties to "suspend actions, and statements of hostility that could make the work here more difficult."

Gen. Ali said: "Positions taken and actions carried out lately have blurred the hopes of many of us for a solution." But he expressed confidence that progress would be made.

The Egyptian minister made clear, however, that his government still expected Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab land including East Jerusalem — something very few Israelis appear disposed to contemplate.

In El-Arish, Israel Friday lowered its flag, handed over to the Egyptians, and marched its troops out of the Sinai desert town with residents shouting "Israelis go home."

It was a day of jubilation for 40,000 townsfolk celebrating the end of 12 years under Israeli occupation.

The pullout represented the first instalment of Israel's withdrawal from the whole Sinai Peninsula under the peace treaty with Egypt.

Occupation officially ended in El-Arish with a short military ceremony on the outskirts of the oasis town. Army bands played the national anthems of Israel and Egypt — and Egypt's flag was hoisted to the cheers of Egyptian soldiers who were supposed to be standing in attention.

Afterwards Egyptian military police bustled around keeping the population in check and making sure that, for the first time since the capture of El-Arish in 1967, not a single Israeli remained in the town.

Sadat: Autonomy talks to alleviate suffering

PARIS, May 25 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat says forthcoming negotiations on Palestinian autonomy are meant "to alleviate the suffering" of Arabs under Israeli occupation, and talks on the Palestinians' political future will have to wait two or three years.

In an interview with Radio Monte Carlo broadcast Friday, Sadat predicted "very difficult and very fatiguing" bargaining.

But he said he was sure that the obstacles would be overcome, the same way the almost impossible goal of an Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was achieved.

In the wide-ranging interview conducted in Alexandria, Sadat made these points:

— The Palestine Liberation Organization is unstable at present to play a role in the negotiations, but he hopes that in three years "the condition of the PLO will be better than it is now."

— The Arab world which opposes his peace initiative "is nervous and emotional" at present, and Egypt will continue to deal with Israel despite Arab opposition.

— The thorny problem of Jerusalem can be solved by granting the Arabs sovereignty over the eastern sector and its Muslim holy sites, recognizing Israel's rule of the western zone, and establishing a joint Arab-Israeli municipality to govern the city as a whole. Jerusalem will not be divided as it was before the 1967 war.

The negotiations on autonomy for the 1.1 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank "are meant only to alleviate the suffering of the Palestinians living in the occupied territories," he said.

He said that once autonomy was worked out "the Palestinians will sit down with us to define their future. But that will not be for or three years."

He said the Arab world "refuses everything, because their policy has been negative for 31 years. They have not come up with any alternatives. Apparently, they think the easiest way for them to stay in power, in their seats, is to exploit the situation."

Asked if he now had confidence in Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, whom he is known to dislike, Sadat replied: "Confidence needs time and experience. We now deal with each other with more understanding. We are certainly on the road to peace. He has his point of view and I have mine."

At anti-U.S. demonstrations

Iran Muslim groups clash with leftists

TEHRAN, May 25 (Agencies) — Muslim youths shouting "God is Great" Friday clashed with left-wingers outside the U.S. embassy in Tehran during rival anti-American demonstrations.

Revolutionary guards manning the walls of the embassy fired in the air to break up fighting as the Muslims attacked isolated members of the leftist crowd.

No details of any casualties were available.

Hospital sources said about 25 people were treated for injuries after separate clashes at Tehran university where the left-wingers assembled.

Tens of thousands of people were involved in the rival demonstrations. One was called by Islamic supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini, while the other involved secular groups, including the People's Fedayeen and the

Islamic Marxist Mujahedin guerrilla organizations.

The clashes were the most serious indication so far of the growing split between Islamic fundamentalists who support Khomeini, and the leftist forces that helped him overthrow the Shah.

The Muslim attacks on their left-wing rivals came after a speech by Khomeini Thursday in which he told his supporters they must fight more fiercely against their secular opponents than they did against the Shah.

The 50,000-strong Muslim demonstration reached the embassy first and was greeted by the shouts and waves of some 100 Islamic guards posted to protect it.

Effigies of President Carter and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin were strung up on the embassy wall and later torn to pieces by the crowd, which shouted "death to

Carter, death to America."

The effigy of Begin bore the Star of David, which was also superimposed on an American flag, along with the Communist hammer and sickle.

Mullahs, one carried on the backs of supporters, urged on the crowd through loud speakers.

As the Muslim rally began to disperse fist fights broke out.

Near Tehran University revolutionary guards fired in the air to prevent an attack on leftists gathering for the start of their march.

A Muslim demonstrator, shouting "these people must be hanged" tried to snatch one guard's M-16 rifle but was overpowered by other militiamen.

The Muslim turnout Friday effectively prevented the bulk of the tens of thousands of left-wingers from reaching the embassy.

The secular left-wing groups appeared keen to avoid a confrontation and made no attempt to break the Muslim ranks.

They ignored the anti-Communist taunts of the Muslims and one leftist told a reporter: "We don't want a civil war in Iran."

Anti-American demonstrations were reported to have taken place in many other Iranian cities by the official Voice of the Islamic Republic radio.

The state-run television ran a recorded broadcast of the entire

Muslim demonstration but did not cover the left-wing protest.

Anti-Americanism is one of the few issues on which the fundamentalists and the left-wing agree. A major Muslim rally Thursday and Friday's protests were in response to a May 17 U.S. Senate resolution condemning the more than 200 political executions that have taken place in Iran since the February revolution.

Secular sources say their organizations are increasingly disillusioned by what they describe as the fundamentalist and theocratic line being taken by Iran's revolutionary and spiritual leader.

The official Pars News Agency Friday reported that Khomeini had ordered anyone insulting religious men to face trial by revolutionary courts — the tribunals so far exclusively reserved for trying the Shah's supporters.

"No individual and no group is allowed to insult religious men and if it happens, the offenders should be prosecuted and punished by the local revolutionary courts," the Ayatollah's statement said.

"The above warning is to paralyze the efforts of foreign-inspired elements who want to crush the Islamic doctrine which is against the interests of their masters. The noble Iranian nation is requested to be on the alert for such baseless attitudes of imperialism and to denounce those who insult the religious men to courts."

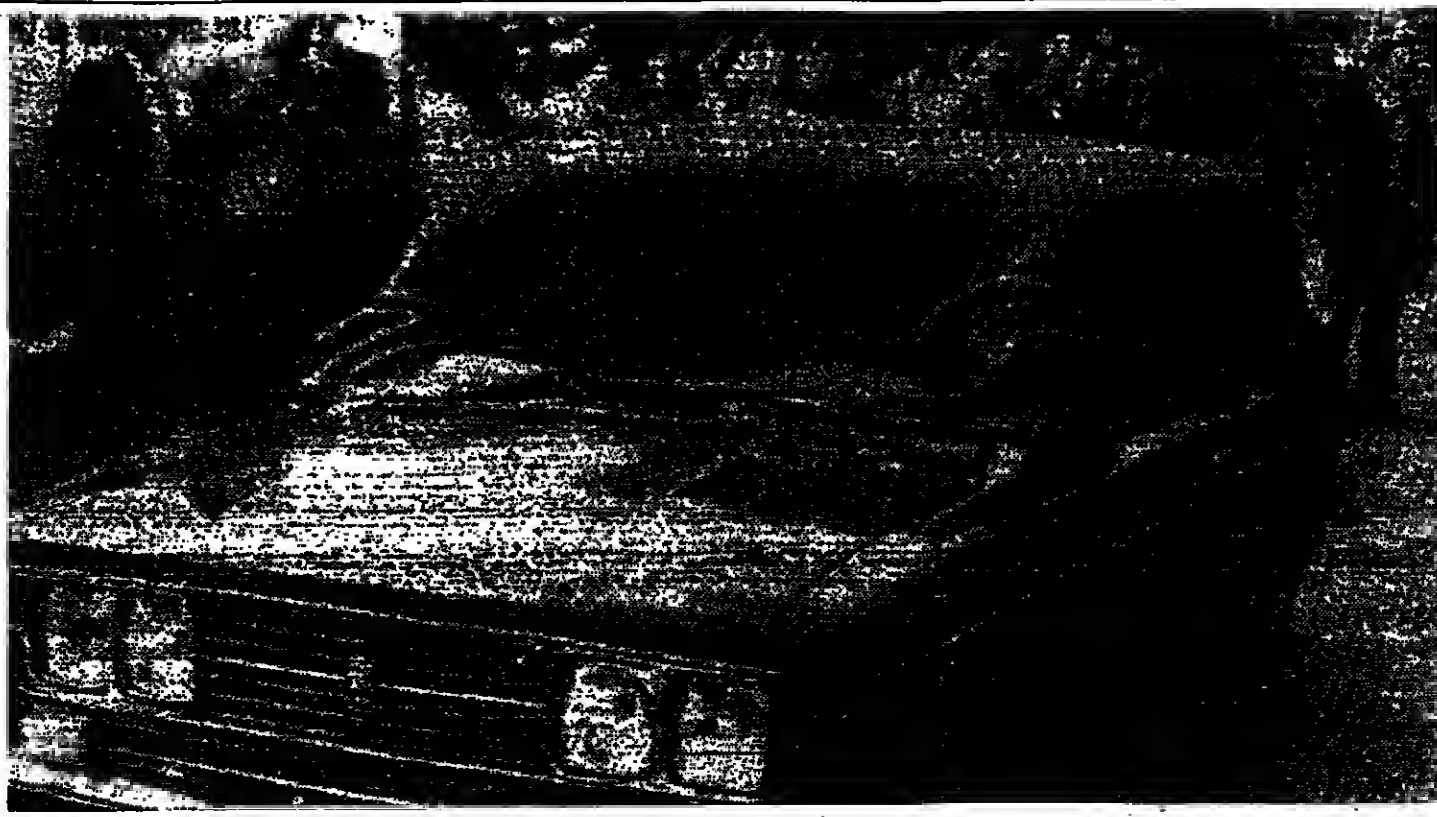
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BOODED: Most of the roof and all the windows were blown out of this Spanish Army official car Friday during a gun and handgrenade attack which killed Gen. Luis Gomez Hontiguela and three aides. A man claiming to represent a Basque separatist group later said his organization was responsible for the attack. (See story page 16)

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Meeting calls for Sadat overthrow

LONDON, May 25 (R) — Saudi delegates were present Thursday at a four-day international conference on the "Liberation of Muslim Lands" here which opened with a strong condemnation of the Egypt-Israel peace treaty and a call for the overthrow of President Anwar Sadat.

Salem Azzam, a former Saudi diplomat and president of the Islamic Council of Europe which sponsored the meeting told representatives of the Islamic movement from 27 countries that the people of Egypt were fully conscious of the humiliation and shame which he President Sadat had brought on the name of their country.

Speakers at the conference, the first of its kind, said it was necessary to coordinate the activities of Islamic and liberation movements towards a common strategy.

After the plenary session, delegates divided into three committees on Palestine and Jerusalem, Islamic movements and Muslim liberation movements.

The conference will continue until Sunday.



AIR FORCES: Pakistani Air Force Chief of Staff Air Marshal Muhammad Anwar Shaheen greeting RSAP officers on arrival in Jeddah Wednesday for a nine-day visit.

Aviation chief says

Budgeted air schemes 96% complete

JEDDAH, May 25 (SPA) — All but a fraction of the aviation projects provided for in the 1978/79 budget have been completed, Civil Aviation Chief Sheikh Abdullah Mehdi said Friday.

Appropriations of SR5.5 billion were earmarked in the budget for 55 projects. These are 96% complete, he said.

Mehdi said that this year five new airports were commissioned in Badana, Hail, Bisha, Abha, Qasim and Najran.

He added that the five airports cost SR700 million and that only the airports at Wej and Jizan remain to be completed of the Second Five-Year Plan projects.

At the same time, other airports in Saudi Arabia have been improved, while a major air traffic control project is under way to cover 24 airports.

Ministry asked to step up work on pilgrim road

MECCA, May 25 — Mecca Mayor Abdul Qader Koshak has asked the Ministry of Communications to step up work on the highway from Jeddah so it is completed by the pilgrimage.

The present Mecca-Jeddah road was seriously damaged by storms in January, and Mayor Koshak said it was crucial that the new 73-kilometer highway should be ready to take the heavy pilgrimage traffic. According to "Okaz" Friday, he has asked the ministry to request the four contractors to increase work shifts on the project.

An air cargo project at Dhahran was completed in 13 months at a cost of SR140 million, he said.

The Dhahran project, which went into trial operation at the beginning of this month covers an area of 320,000 square meters and can accommodate nine Boeing 747 aircraft at a time. It has a 1,000 square-meter customs area and a warehousing for international airlines, including 110,000 square meters for Saudia.

Mehdi said that an annex building of over 15,000 square meters has been added to the air cargo building at Riyadh.

Australians urged to invest in Kingdom

MELBOURNE, May 25 (SPA) — A senior Australian official Thursday called on his country's businessmen to take advantage of business opportunities in Saudi Arabia in the light of trade agreements signed between the two governments this week.

The agreement also provides for joint ventures in scientific research, notably in meteorology.

Dr. Soliman told the press conference that the scope for cooperation was wide.

The Saudi delegation was due to end its five-day visit Friday.

Minister to visit Argentina

JEDDAH, May 25 — Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr.

Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh will leave for an official visit to Argentina this week. "Okaz" reported Friday. Dr. Al-Sheikh is leading a delegation from his ministry for talks on farming and stock-breeding.

Deputy Premier J. Dong Anthony told a press conference here Thursday that trade relations between the two countries would develop following the lead of the two governments.

Saudi Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaim is leading a delegation of Saudi businessmen for talks in Australia. Anthony visited Saudi Arabia in February.

This week's talks covered the increased export of Australian food including wheat and meat, Anthony said.

Last Tuesday, the two sides ratified an agreement for technical and economic cooperation which provides for the establishment of a joint commission — similar to those already in force with the United States and European and Far Eastern countries.

Hospitals slated for handicapped

DAMMAM, May 25 — Nine SR320 million specialist institutes for the blind, the deaf and the mentally retarded will be built in Qatif, Riyadh, Jeddah and Qasim, according to "Okaz" Friday. A mental institute for boys has also been opened here this year.

All phone codes to be 2-digit

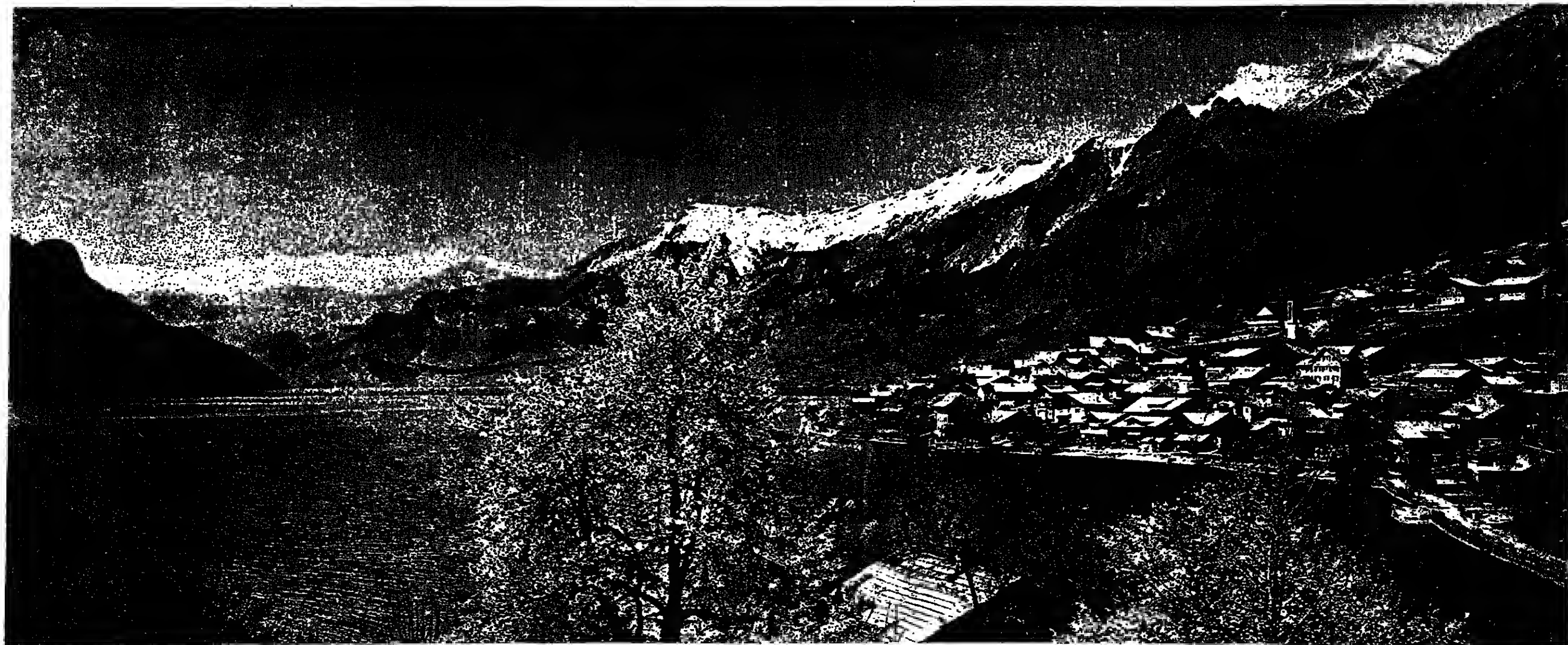
JEDDAH, May 25 — Area codes for all Saudi cities will be reduced to two digits within two years, according to Friday's "Okaz". The codes for Dhahran, Al-Khobar, Sayhat and Qatif will become 03 instead of 031 in June. Medina was changed to 04 instead of 041 in April.

70,000 Jeddah houses to get water

JEDDAH, May 25 — Seventy thousand houses will be connected to the water network here soon, "Okaz" reported Friday. The paper said that the water shortage here will be completely overcome as soon as the Jeddah IV desalination plant goes into operation next year.

Kingdom to attend Koran contest

KUALA LUMPUR, May 25 (SPA) — Malaysia has invited Saudi Arabia and 46 other countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization to take part in an annual Holy Koran recitation contest beginning here on Aug. 12. All the invited countries are members of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), except the Philippines, India, Thailand, Nigeria, Singapore and Sri Lanka.



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Afghan brigade said fighting with rebels

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, May 25 (R) — An entire mechanized brigade of 2,500 troops in Afghanistan has changed sides and is fighting with rebel forces trying to topple the pro-Communist government in Kabul, according to reports reaching here Friday.

It is the largest reported defection of government troops since fighting in Afghanistan began almost a year ago.

The reports said the brigade was sent from the capital to help put down a rebellion by Muslim tribesmen angry over the government's left-wing reforms and its links with the Soviet Union.

Exiled Afghan opposition groups with headquarters in Pakistan said the brigade surrendered to tribesmen without a shot being fired.

In contrast to previous reported defections, the men were allowed

to keep their weapons and the troops, led by a lieutenant-colonel, elected to fight for the guerrillas as a complete unit.

About 300 soldiers were said to have laid down their arms recently.

Afghan opposition groups here said that if defections continued on this scale, they would eventually cause problems for the government, which depended heavily on the army for support.

The reports were carried by runners over the mountains separating Afghanistan from neighboring Pakistan.

Exiled groups in Pakistan claimed that 10,000 of the combined strength of 90,000 members of the army, air force and paramilitary police, had so far defected.

It was not possible to obtain independent confirmation of the claims.



President Sadat

Sadat promises asylum to Shah

CAIRO, May 25 (AP) — President Anwar Sadat said Friday he wants to give the deposed Shah of Iran political refuge in Egypt "because it is a real pity that a man like the Shah has not found asylum yet."

Speaking to reporters in Alexandria, Sadat said he will raise the issue before Egypt's new People's Assembly after scheduled elections next month.

Sadat hosted the Shah in Aswan, Egypt, when the latter left his country last January because of the revolution.

There was some domestic criticism here of the move at the time, and at the government's deliberate pace in recognizing the new Islamic regime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

"Where is the world's morality?" Sadat said of the Shah's seeming inability to find a permanent place of exile. "We have morality in Egypt."

Bomb injures three Israelis

TEL AVIV, May 25 (AP) — Three Israelis were injured Thursday night when a bomb was thrown at an Israeli bus near Gaza, Israel radio reported Friday.

Military forces in the area were investigating the incident, the first in Gaza area for several months.

In northern Israel, a barrage of Katyusha rockets fired by Palestinian gunners in southern Lebanon hit the Upper Galilee Thursday night.

Brezhnev, Sadat swap messages

CAIRO, May 25 (R) — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and President Anwar Sadat, whose countries' relations are marred by sharp differences, Thursday exchanged messages marking Africa Day.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said Brezhnev's message to President Sadat extended wishes for the progress and prosperity of African peoples.

Brezhnev expressed support for Africans struggling for their independence, condemned racial discrimination in South Africa and affirmed that the Soviet Union would strengthen friendship and cooperation with African countries.

In reply, Sadat told Brezhnev Egypt always strove to preserve world peace and boost cooperation among all peace-loving countries. He expressed support for the SALT II accord.

Sadat also expressed good wishes for Brezhnev, other Soviet leaders, and "the friendly Soviet people," MENA said.

U.S. seen against Libya's jet deal

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R) — The State Department has decided to recommend against the sale of three Boeing 747 jets to Libya, Senator Richard Stone has said. The Florida Democrat claimed that the decision was right because such equipment should not be sold to countries which engaged in terrorism or military adventurism.

Qaddafi starts Algeria visit

ALGIERS, May 25 (R) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived here Thursday for what was officially described as a "friendly and working" visit to Algeria, his first since General Benjedid Chadli became president last March.

Czechs, Syrians stress just peace

DAMASCUS, May 25 (R) — Czechoslovakia and Syria have described the Middle East situation as explosive and affirmed there could be no peace in the region unless a comprehensive, just and permanent solution was found. This was stated in a joint communiqué issued Thursday at the end of a four-day visit to Syria by Czechoslovak President Gustav Husak.

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nate unit arms bill ould force Carter to t ban on Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — A Senate Armed Service committee approved a \$40 billion arms bill Thursday with a provision that would lift U.S. trade sanctions against Rhodesia. The bill also would set an Oct. 1 deadline for President Jimmy Carter to make a repeatedly delayed decision on whether to hide new intercontinental nuclear missiles among empty silos or carry in moving planes. The bill carries no provision for limiting military conscription as does the House of Representatives' version of the legislation. The House committee's bill also is more expensive, costing \$43 billion. After the House and Senate approve separate versions of the legislation, conferees will work a compromise bill authorizing arms development and procurement for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1. Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., was asked if his panel were going to lock President Carter by lifting the U.S. sanctions against Rhodesia by means of a presidential veto. Stennis replied, "Well, yes, that amendment would," Stennis replied. The chairman said he has no objection to whether Carter is likely to veto the bill if the Rhodesia provision remains in

Congress' final version. Carter has taken no position yet on whether the elections last month installing a black government in Rhodesia justify lifting the U.S. trade sanctions. The Senate committee amendment would lift the sanctions when Carter signed the weapons bill into law. Carter to the proposed deadline for a Carter missile system decision, Stennis said his committee set the Oct. 1 date not knowing whether the administration thinks it can meet it. The bill would authorize \$670 million for the missile itself, known as the MX, but prohibit the money from being spent until Carter decides how to deploy it. If either the House or Senate vetoed Carter's choice within 60 days, under terms of the bill, the missile money still could not be spent. The House bill would renew draft registration for 18-year-old men starting Jan. 1, 1981, but Stennis said his committee "withheld judgement on that." The Senate committee also gave up its past efforts to resurrect a fifth nuclear aircraft carrier that Carter and Congress agreed two years ago not to build. Carter vetoed Congress' first weapons bill last year because it contained money for the nuclear carrier. The House committee, trying once again, put the money back in this year's bill.

Thatcher's observer team calls Rhodesian vote fair

LONDON, May 25 (AP) — A Conservative Party team which observed Rhodesia's April elections concluded in a report published Thursday that the voting was fair and represented the wishes of the majority of the electorate. Lord Carrington, foreign secretary in Margaret Thatcher's new Conservative Government, has said the report by the team of Lord Boyd of Merton will guide the government in deciding whether

to recognize the Rhodesian administration of Abel Muzorewa. The gist of the report had already been leaked to the British press well in advance, so its actual publication was somewhat anticlimactic. But Lord Chitnis, a Liberal Party peer who observed the elections on behalf of an all-party British human rights group, said in a report issued May 16 that the vote was "a gigantic confidence trick" and "its results are meaningless."



COUNTERPARTS: Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington and Secretary of State Cyrus Vance held a press conference last Monday after their first lengthy discussions on world affairs, particularly Rhodesia policy.

Vietnam War film shares award at Cannes festival

CANNES, May 25 (R) — "Apocalypse Now," a U.S. epic about the Vietnam War, and "The Tin Drum," a West German picture set in the Nazi era, shared the coveted Golden Palm award Thursday at the Cannes Film Festival.

The decision to split the award came as a surprise because "Apocalypse Now," which director Francis Ford Coppola took four years and more than \$30 million to make, had dominated the two-week festival.

But some critics complained that the enormous advance publicity it received might influence the jury headed by French writer Francois Sagan.

At the same time "The Tin Drum," adapted from the novel by Gunter Grass and directed by Volker Schlöndorff, was enthusiastically acclaimed. It starred West German actor David Bennett.

One critic, referring to the excitement generated by the Coppola film starring Martin Sheen and Marlon Brando, said "It was a tin drum against a massed band."

Americans won the prizes for best actor and best actress, Jack Lemmon for his part in "The China Syndrome" about a crisis at a nuclear power plant, and Sally

Field for her role as a Southern cotton mill worker in Martin Ritt's "Norma Rae."

The jury, which also included actress Susannah York and director Jules Dassin, gave its special prize to "Siberiada," a Soviet entry directed by Andrei Konchalovsky about the impact of world events on an isolated Siberian village.

Two new awards, for best supporting actor and actress, went to Italian Sefano Maria for his part in Dino Risi's "Caro Papa" and West German Eva Mattes in Werner Herzog's "Woyzeck."

The awards to Lemmon and Maria prompted some boos from the audience. French actor Patrick de Wère who appeared in two festival entries, was widely tipped to win a prize.

The award for best director went to American Terrence Malick for "Days of Heaven."

Critics expressed surprise that neither Finland's "Rough Treatment" by Andrej Wajda nor Britain's "The Europeans," based on the Henry James novel and directed by James Ivory, won prizes.

The United States last won the Golden Palm with "Taxi Driver" in 1976. Italy took the award in the two intervening years.

Nepalese premier quits under pressure

KATHMANDU, May 25 (R) — Nepal's Prime Minister Kirtidhi Bista resigned Friday in a move which may help reduce tension after anti-government riots in the capital of the Himalayan kingdom.

The Royal Palace announced that Bista, 52, had handed his resignation to King Birendra, who asked to stay in office until the National Panchayat (council) meets on May 30.

Thousands of demonstrators demanding political reforms clashed with police on Wednesday night in Kathmandu's worst anti-government rioting for years.

Bista's leadership has been consistently criticized by the opposition.

The king said Thursday he would establish a special election commission within a week to organize a national referendum designed to find out what kind of government system the people wanted. Political parties have been banned in Nepal since 1960.

Bista returned as prime minister in September 1977 after first holding the job between 1969 and 1973.

Security forces opened fire at one stage of Wednesday's riots and officials said five people received gunshot wounds. Forty policemen were injured trying to control the demonstrators, 10 of them seriously.

The trouble followed student

Protesters demanding more freedom

demonstrations in the capital last month and various anti-government incidents in south and southeast Nepal, in which the government says 17 people have been killed, although opposition leaders put the figure much higher.

The demonstrators, with students in the vanguard, are protesting against official corruption, high taxes, rising prices, the lack of a democratic parliamentary system and government control of the press.

Former Prime Minister B.P. Koirala, a major opposition figure who has maintained that the Royal Palace must compromise to prevent chaos, welcomed the king's statement on the referendum Thursday.

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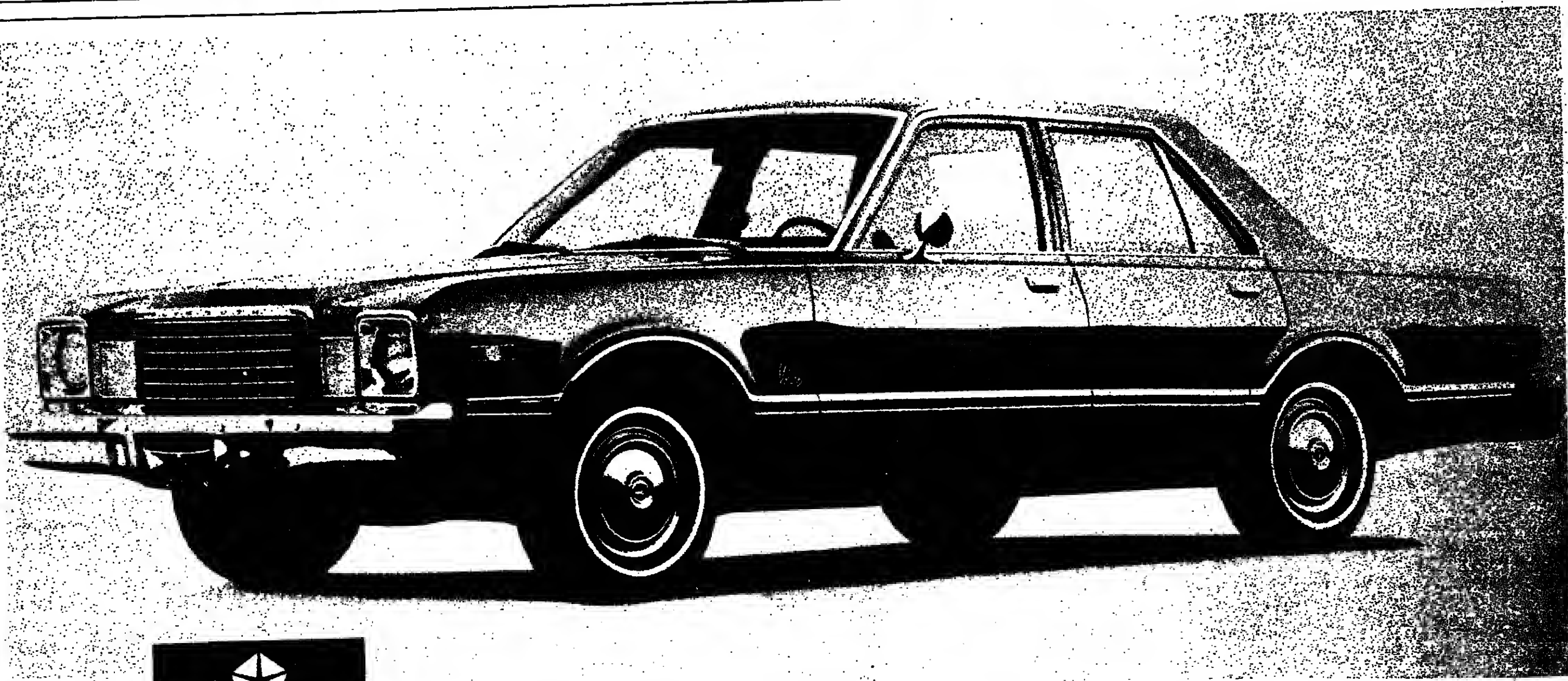
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After credentials ruled invalid

South Africa again leaves U.N. assembly

UNITED NATIONS, May 25 (AP) — South Africa walked out of the General Assembly Thursday little more than 24 hours after it had walked back in for the first time since its ouster from the 1974 session.

The walkout came after the assembly, overriding opposition, voted 93-19 with 11 abstentions to approve a credentials committee report recommending the South African delegation's credentials be rejected. The assembly was meeting for a debate on Namibia (South-West Africa), which South Africa controls under an old League of Nations mandate. The United Nations mandate the United Nations has revoked. After South African delegates Adrian Eksteen, David Stead and Deon Erasmus left, assembly President Indalecio Echeverria of Colombia ruled the assembly's vote meant "the majority of members do not wish to permit the delegation of South Africa to participate in the work of the session."

Lievano's decision, while barring South Africa from the current assembly session, did not have the effect of expelling it from the United Nations.

He said it "does not mean that the assembly has taken a decision concerning the status of South Africa in the United Nations."

Dwindling film firm ends half-century of newsreels

LONDON, May 25 (AP) — The last Movietone newsreel was produced this week — of London's annual Chelsea flower show.

For a half-century, the cameramen of Movietone News Ltd. were around when big news was being made. They filmed the crash of the Hindenburg, the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, the abdication of King Edward VII and all through World War II. At its peak in 1939, the company could call on the services of 1,100 cameramen around the world.

The U.N. Charter specifies expulsion of a member country requires a recommendation from the Security Council, where the big powers can veto it.

The assembly's rules of procedure say of a delegation's credentials only that they must be submitted in time and be signed by the head of state or government or the foreign minister. South Africa's credentials, signed by Foreign Minister Riekot Botha, met those tests.

The assembly vote to reject them in spite of that reflected the majority's dislike of South Africa's race segregation policy and its delay in agreeing to details of a plan for a U.N.-supervised pre-independence election in Namibia.

U.S. Ambassador Andrew Young told the assembly, "My government deeply regrets what has happened here today."

He said the United States was against South African race segregation and considered South Africa's presence in Namibia illegal.

"However," he declared, "no interest we can support has been served by denying South Africa the right to sit and be heard."

The United States, Canada, Britain, France and West Germany, originators of the independence plan for Namibia, voted against rejection of South Africa's credentials — as did Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Austria, Israel, Australia and New Zealand.

South Africa took Namibia from Germany in 1915 and was given a League of Nations mandate over it in 1920. The General Assembly declared the mandate terminated in 1966.

After his walkout, South African delegate Eksteen held a news conference at which he termed the assembly decision illegal and complained South Africa had been prevented from stating its case "on a matter in which it has been intimately involved for nearly 60 years."



SNOWY OPENING: The rack-railway on Pilatus Mountain near Lake Lucerne, Switzerland, was opened last week, still passing thick snow. Here, workmen are shown clearing snow just before a train is to pass.

1958 disaster in Russia blamed on nuclear waste

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP) — U.S. scientists said Thursday they are convinced a serious nuclear accident occurred two decades ago at a Soviet nuclear waste disposal plant, causing a wide area to be heavily contaminated with radiation.

There have been reports for years, based on claims by two exiled Soviet scientists and CIA documents, that the accident probably took place in the Ural Mountains in early 1958 and claimed the lives of hundreds of people.

The Soviet government has never confirmed such an accident. S.I. Sauerbach, director of environmental sciences at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission "the evidence leaves us convinced" an area of at least 25 square kilometers, or possibly much larger, was heavily contaminated.

Nicaragua loses 20 troops in ambush

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, May 25 (AP) — Anti-government guerrillas ambushed a three-truck National Guard convoy, killing 20 soldiers and wounding 15, military sources said Thursday.

The ambush occurred Wednesday near the town of Cocamanga, on the highway linking Esteli and Cometa 145 kilometers north of Managua, said the sources, who refused to be identified.

"At least 20 soldiers were killed and another 15 were wounded in the ambush set for them by the insurgents," they said.

A spokesman for the 10,000-man guard, which serves as the nation's combined police force and army, said he had no report of the attack.

"We are going to investigate and issue a communiqué later," the spokesman said.

The military sources said two guerrillas were killed in the gunfight that followed the ambush. The rest fled to the hills, he said.

The guerrillas were believed to be members of the Sandinista Liberation Front, a group named after a 1930s rebel officer, that has been fighting to overthrow the government of President Anastasio Somoza for more than a decade.

In another incident, anti-government guerrillas sprayed a truck full of National Guard troops with machine gun fire Thursday just outside the capital on the Pan American Highway, a guard spokesman said, and one guardsman was wounded.

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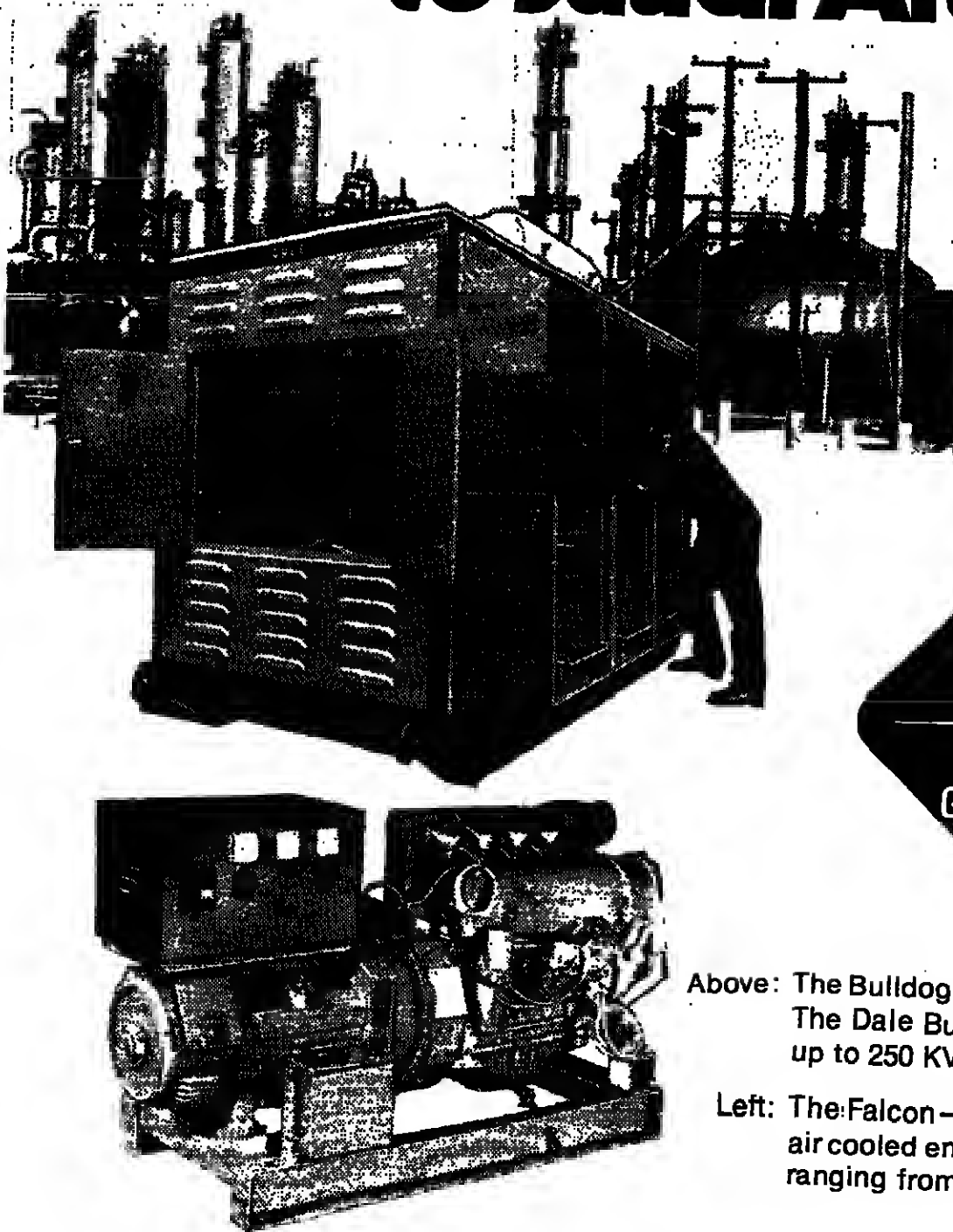


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Shortage of food threatens Bangladesh

By Kevin Rafferty

Dacca —

President Zia-ur Rahman of Bangladesh, having just restored democracy to his poor country, is today facing another crisis in the form most feared — a shortage of food. One highly placed official said: "We are going to be living from hand to mouth for the next few months and will need tons and tons of imports." The president says that Bangladesh is a million tons of foodgrain short.

Even for a country long insured to hardship and suffering, the food crisis presents a dangerous turning-point. Most obviously, thousands of people are likely to die of hunger. On top of that the fragile social structure could be shattered. And if Zia does not get on top of the situation the vociferous Bangladeshis will begin agitating for his removal. Democracy alone is not enough — either for Zia or for Bangladesh.

So far the president has acted with commendable despatch. He reached agreement with Morarji Desai of India for the supply of 200,000 tons of grain and his ministers have been to India, Burma and Thailand to negotiate other deals. He has held discussions with representatives of the food surplus states of the West.

Indeed Zia may have moved too quickly. Some of the international organizations in Dacca appear much more relaxed. No one went quite so far as to accuse Bangladesh of crying "wolf", but one international bureaucrat commented: "There is no point in making a fuss. Anyone who can help has been informed what the position is." One problem is that even in skeletal poor Bangladesh nothing is simple: a basic question like food supply has skins and skins of complicated aspects.

In a normal year Bangladesh gets just over 14 million tons of foodgrain, of which between one and two million tons is imported. If equally divided this would allow much of the 85 million Bangladeshis just over 15 ounces of grain a day. The diet is almost entirely of grain and, except for the rich, is not supplemented by meat, fish or vitamin-rich leafy green vegetables. It provides an average of 2,000 calories a person a day, compared to more than 3,000 calories in the West.

Even in normal times, the Bangladesh food supply is the poorest in Asia, apart possibly from war-torn Cambodia, and means that 60 to 80 per cent of Bangladeshis do not get enough food to sustain a healthy life.

At such low levels there is no spare fat to carry Bangladeshis through difficult times. But crises can arise at different points and produce arguments.

Some foreign economists believe that Zia has only himself to blame for the present problems. They argue that he was too preoccupied with politics and the restoration of democracy when the time came for procuring grain for the public distribution system. As a result the official procurement price was set too low and farmers refused to sell. Bangladesh officials claim that the harvests have been short because of erratic rains.

The public system is certainly short of grain. It has about 400,000 tons in stock, or enough supplies for two and a half months. With supplies in the pipeline and ordered by the end of June the public stocks will be about 340,000 tons. There will then still be several months to go before the next major harvest, so whether Zia can ward off even bigger problems will depend on his ability to persuade the grain surplus states to supply grain, and the ships to get it to Bangladesh in time.

By August Zia could be in serious difficulties unless he got more than a little help from his friends in America and Australia (which have grain and shipping capacity). Supplies from the public ration system go almost exclusively to the urban areas and are the mainstay for feeding such key people as civil servants, police and army and other urban groups who have great capacity for causing trouble if they do not get their regular daily food.

Zia knows well enough how important it is to keep the security forces happy. They brought about the downfall and death of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who had been revered as the "father of the nation", and his murder took place not long after the 1974 food crisis.

The president has been clever in managing army appointments, but already some officers are beginning to distance themselves from the commander-in-chief whom they fought alongside to create Bangladesh. One mid-career officer was studying a "Handbook of the Coup", though he said his interest was "academic and strictly so that I am a better officer." Another officer said he did not think there would be any change until "Zia has lost the support of the people, but the food shortage provides his first real crisis."

But even if Zia keeps the ration shops full and the urban elite fed, a more serious food crisis may continue. Over the past 10 years thousands of small landholders have been forced to sell their land simply to buy enough food to stay alive. Officials of the agriculture ministry in Dacca have been fearing that when the next food shortage came the numbers of sellers of land could turn from hundreds a year to thousands or even hundreds of thousands.

Already, almost half of the population of Bangladesh is effectively landless. Without land a Bangladeshi has difficulty in finding a job or a square meal a day. So the prospect of further distress sales of land is a grim one. But perhaps not for the power holders of the elite in Dacca. They are precisely the people who will snap up the land at cheap prices. The land registers of the past years show larger numbers of army and police officers and civil servants buying from the poor marginal holders.

As one foreign economist put it, Zia has a terrible dilemma. He himself is an honest man, anxious to do his best for his country. "But history has shown that the poor and hungry do not cause problems. The elite do. If he wants to stay in power, Zia has to feed the army and police; if he wants to do his best for the Bangladeshis he must curb the security forces. Such is the problem of democracy in a developing country." (OFNS)



Sweden's Social Democrats in trouble

By Chris Mosey

STOCKHOLM,

In the opening months of election year in Sweden, Olof Palme's Socialist Democrats are in trouble. Public opinion polls show them losing ground to the Right and there is, as yet, no sign that Palme's recent about-turn on the question of whether there should be a referendum on nuclear energy has done anything to redress the balance.

Sweden's nuclear energy program was started by the Social Democrats during their 44 years in power. For a country with no oil and next to nothing in the way of coal deposits, it made sense. The only alternative was hydro-electric power and there just wasn't enough of this to go round — today it supplies only just over half of the country's energy.

Today the country has 12 nuclear power stations already built or under construction. All the major decisions were taken before there was such a thing as an environment lobby.

But in recent years the campaign for a referendum on whether or not the country should have nuclear energy has gained considerable ground. After the accident at Harrisburg it proved irresistible; a rather battered-looking Palme announced to the nation's press and TV that he now had doubts and was in favor of a referendum after the election on Sept. 16.

The leader of the minority People's Party government, Ola Ullsten, had no choice but to comply. With Palme joining with the Center and the Communists in the call for a referendum, there was now an overwhelming majority in the Riksdag (parliament) for letting the people decide the issue.

The nuclear debate claimed its first victim last autumn when the then Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin (Center) resigned rather than give way on the question of a referendum, splitting the alliance with the People's Party and the moderates. Ullsten was left to pick up the pieces.

The Social Democrats, still the largest political party in Sweden, have since then taken things easy, in the Swedish tradition of compromise before confrontation, and helped Ullsten to survive.

But this policy has alienated Palme from the radical young voters. And there is no sign that it has won him support from the middle class who still blame him for establishing a welfare state and accompanying bureaucracy that feeds on sky-high taxation and at the expense of private initiative.

Mafia expands operations in Italy

By Louis Fleming

PALERMO, Italy —

Gang-style killings are no the rise in Sicily, but many Sicilians have a sense of security not found in other parts of Italy.

"The killing is the work of the Mafia," one resident said matter-of-factly. "That is better than the kidnappings and terrorism they have in Turin and Milan."

One police official said that political terrorists have probably been scared off by the Mafia.

That may be a mixed blessing. In the last 10 years, the Mafia has spread far beyond its traditional stronghold in western Sicily to virtually every part of Italy. And following their American cousins' lead, the Mafiosi have moved into the big time.

More and more, Italian crime resembles organized crime in the United States, including expansion into legitimate business. Direct ties with the American underworld are evident, even an occasional transatlantic movement of hand guns, a criminal dodge that makes weapons harder to trace.

Not long ago, for example, a stuffed Easter bunny arrived at the post office here. X-ray examination disclosed that the stuffing consisted largely of two Smith and Wesson 38-caliber revolvers. The package had been mailed from a phony address in Brooklyn to a mentally retarded resident of Palermo, apparently with the expectation that it could be intercepted by the Mafia before delivery.

Two developments have contributed to the Mafia's expansion. In the 1950s, when rural Sicilians began a mass migration to the cities,

the Mafia went with them. The big step came in 1968, with an assist from the authorities.

It began with an official crackdown on the Mafia's criminal activities. While more than 120 notorious Mafiosi were put on trial for various alleged violations of the law, more than 800 others were forcibly relocated to every corner of Italy.

Soggiorno Obbligato, the Italians called it — forced residence in isolated areas under police surveillance.

The displaced Mafiosi went right to work, keeping in touch with one another by means of the pay telephone. A policeman here said they immediately identified every successful business enterprise in their new areas, then began moving in — meanwhile kidnapping wealthy businessmen for ransom.

In Sicily itself, the Mafia has reportedly discouraged kidnapping in an effort to avoid attracting attention that might interfere with its other operations.

Unmistakably, Mafia operations have cropped up in a number of areas of Italy in the last few years, including the city of Catania in eastern Sicily, and Milan, the economic center of Italy, in the north.

Italy now appears to be the No. 2 drug market in per capita sales in Europe, second only to West Germany, and there is some evidence that per capita use in Italy is higher than in the United States. The Mafia does not seem to be involved in distributing and retailing drugs, leaving that to local criminal groups. But the Mafia does appear to be involved in the wholesale importing of drugs.

In one recent six-month period, 88 pounds of heroin was seized in Italy and the United States with evidence that the shipments had been handled by the Italian Mafia, most of it by Sicilians, some by Mafiosi operating in Calabria, at the toe of the peninsula. (LAT)

Egypt-Israel air links

By Thomas Lippman

CAIRO —

Trans World Airlines, and not the national airlines of Egypt or Israel, is expected to provide commercial air service between Cairo and Tel Aviv when the route is opened next year, according to airline industry sources. TWA already serves both capitals and flew between them before air links were cut.

The decision to have TWA, an American carrier, resume the route was described by a TWA official as "probable" and by other sources as definite. The move is reportedly based on security considerations, but it might also help Egypt, Egypt's state-owned airline, to retain its lucrative route to other Arab capitals.

The Egyptians, increasingly isolated from the Arab world because of an economic and political boycott imposed by Arabs opposed to the peace treaty with Israel, are trying to avert a further shutdown of air service between here and other Arab cities.

Iraq, Syria and Libya have already pulled their airlines out of Egypt and closed their airports to Egyptian. Two weeks ago a regional Arab aviation conference called on other Arab states to do the same. Meeting in Tunis, the Arab Civil Aviation Council, an arm of the Arab League, voted to close its members' air space to Egyptian airlines and halt their service to Egypt.

Airline officials here said that a total break of air link to Cairo is unlikely because Cairo is a profitable stop, prominent persons in other Arab countries would be inconvenienced and the countries dependent on Egyptian labor might be reluctant to make such a move. In addition, they argue, a cutoff of airline service would be incompatible with the Arab boycott resolutions saying that their actions against the Egyptian government should not harm individual Egyptians.

State officials said the impetus for cutting air lines might be lessened if TWA, rather than El Al Israel Airlines and Egyptair, were handling the Cairo-Tel Aviv traffic.

The Tunis decision provoked speculation and uncertainty about the future of air service here, which the government is seeking to combat. An official announcement reiterated that no regular air service to Israel is to begin for 15 months, even though the air corridor from Tel Aviv is to be officially reopened soon.

Egyptian sensitivity over the issue is such that a Pna Birth group coming here from Israel was denied permission to fly directly in a chartered plane and was obliged to go through Athens.

The possibility of losing traffic rights to Arab capitals comes at a bad time for Egyptair, which has just embarked on a major expansion of its fleet. The airline has agreed to buy three of the Franco-German Airbus wide-bodied jets, and is seeking financing to purchase two Douglas DC-10s which would be used to begin service to New York.

— (WP)

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"Al-Medina" said "it is not fair that hundreds of would-be passengers have to suffer so much every time they decide to fly to Riyadh from other cities in the country. Many of them have to wait three or four days to get confirmed bookings and if they do, they often have to suffer ill treatment by booking clerks. Others may find things easier if they produce the right contact. Saudi's plans to fly passengers without reservation on the basis of first-come-first-serve have obviously failed due to the large number of passengers that had not been anticipated when the service was introduced.

The relatively inexpensive fares for domestic flights have added to the rush. "Saudi loses SR.20 million a month due to its low domestic fares. We have heard suggestions to raise fares to limit the number of passengers, but this would not be fair because there is no alternative transportation.

"The solution, in part of it, lies in hastening the operation of the mass transportation bus service between cities by giving it priority over other services even before a domestic airline is established. In such case, people can travel to other cities in relative ease and comfort. Only those who can afford to fly to the capital will do so. We need this solution urgently, in fairness to the people and to ease the pressure on flights which suffer from both no-show passengers and the pressure of those with strings to pull."

Commenting on the "firmness" of the Saudi-Moroccan joint communique "Al-Medina" said that it shows that a separate peace treaty between Egypt and Israel will not have a chance of survival after the tight ring in which the Arabs have contained its bad effects.

"It is gratifying to note that the Arab League and the Islamic conference have proved their great

capacity for undoing harm aimed at the Arabs as embodied in the separate treaty. The visit of King Khaled is a positive step to consolidate and safeguard Arab rights."

Commenting on the same subject, "Okaz" said that Saudi Arabia's quiet diplomacy and calculated moves, have won the respect and admiration of the world.

"This country has shown the truth about Israeli designs and intrigues and, even more important, proved to those concerned that there cannot be just and lasting peace in the region without a comprehensive peace."

According to "Al-Bilad" the royal visit to Morocco and the joint communique "were dedicated to the holy city of Jerusalem as an answer to Israeli arrogance which tries to convince the world that it intends to retain control over it for ever. The two monarchs have served notice that the issue of

Jerusalem will be the cornerstone of all Islamic and Arab struggle until the city is liberated."

In a commentary on the proliferation of clearance sales in the country, "Al-Bilad" said the practice is a "farce" and should be checked. It said that some shops give the false impression that they are offering major reductions in prices. Some of these alleged discounts reach 50. How can we reconcile this absurdly generous discount with merchants' claims that they only make 15 per cent profits at most. The paper urged the ministry of commerce to inspect "these swindlers" and "put an end to their misdeeds."

Friday's editorial in "Okaz" commented on the large scale Israeli attack on Lebanon and blamed both the United States and the Soviets for it. It said that the United States supplies Israel with military power while the Soviet Union provides the manpower which enable it to hold on

to the occupied lands. It is, necessary, the paper said, "that we should carefully study President Giscard's plan for Arab-African-European cooperation that can confront the superpowers. The need for such a union is both urgent and necessary to break through this superpower ring which provides Israel with all it needs to maintain its aggression on the Arab world.

Commenting on the same subject "Al-Jezrah" said that the aim of Israeli attacks "is not merely to liquidate the Palestinian resistance but to eliminate Lebanon as an independent sovereign state so that a number of mini-states may be created on its ruins". The paper urged Arab states to support the Saudi-Moroccan stand "which upholds Lebanon's territorial integrity and legally constituted government as necessary for the restoration of peace and stability."



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Space-age city in the desert?

By Robert Fraga

DHAHRAN — Imagine Arabia in the year 2000. Not all of Arabia, just that 33-kilometer-long sliver of the country which needles off, away from the planned Eastern Province International Airport, in a southwesterly direction. A six-lane highway dipping smoothly across the desert, away from one of the largest and most modern airports in the world.

Towards what? Possibly towards Medina Gedida, a man-made hill rising like a knife-edged pyramid from a rocky escarpment on the fringe of the desert — a new and hitherto unrealized concept in urban living.

Its south wall gleams with solar collectors. Balconies ripple across a multi-story transparent wall, ribbed with vertical girders. Hardy plants cascade over the facade in an organic counterpoint to the

glass-and-concrete tent structure in which as many as 10,000 people live and work.

If Winslow Elliot Wedin, associate professor of architecture at the University of Petroleum & Minerals, has anything to say about it, his project called "Medina Gedida" could well figure in the Kingdom's development during the next two decades.

A native of Minneapolis, Wedin graduated from the University of Minnesota and entered private practice in 1962. He came to Saudi Arabia two years ago and although he disclaims paternity for the notion of the mega-structure city, has nurtured the possibilities of its concept with loving care.

"The goal of our future urban place is to provide a healthy environment, visual beauty and reasonable physical security for its inhabitants," he said. "The need for privacy, social interaction, and

comfort must also be considered." It is exactly these basic needs



Architect Wedin

which are ignored, or over-ridden, in today's urban sprawls. The city

of the 20th-century often abets those very forces against which we most need shelter. It is hotter, less shady, noisier, and filthier than the countryside.

Yet, Wedin contended, a properly conceived urban place could actually enhance the human condition. "Shouldn't our goal be a more favorable micro-climate?" he argued.

Last summer, while holidaying in Spain, Wedin and his wife explored the towns of Iberia and discovered modern real-estate developments with an economy of space and "organic feeling." Cala Forcella, on the island of Mallorca, made a particularly deep impression on him.

But the idea of a mega-structure, an entire city under one "roof," predates Wedin's trip to Spain. More than one architect has been intrigued by the challenge of manufacturing a total environment. Paolo Soleri's Mesa City of the 1960s is one attempt along these lines, which Wedin acknowledges as an influence on his thinking. The work of the late Frank Lloyd Wright is another.

Ralph Knowles' book, "Energy and Form" (MIT Press, 1974) provided Wedin with a basic ingredient of his rationale for a single-structure city. Knowles discovered that people living on different sides of a valley enjoy different qualities of life. For example, the food varied since one side had better sunlight for plants, better pastures for animals. Wouldn't it make sense to house an entire

city's population on the most pleasant side of an urban mega-structure?

"By building a hill," explained Wedin, "you can select an ideal orientation. Our hill's core has an east-west axis, and its north slope is reserved for industry. The form is not symmetric insofar as it is wider and higher on the west to obstruct the low, hot sun rays during afternoon."

"This side is best used for garages, to provide yet more insulation for the core, which is equipped with the amenities of a 'downtown' area. These include the commercial, cultural, and religious facilities of the community."

The most impressive external feature of Wedin's design is undoubtedly the south wall, which the architect described as a "multi-layered and multi-functional membrane" acting as an environmental filter.

Wedin's watercolor rendering of this surface is beautiful, with its elegant balconies, solar collectors and soaring girders. The glass skin of the wall — slanted at 45 degrees, an angle calculated to be the most efficient at the Saudi latitude — supplies the primary insulation for the structure's greenhouse vegetation. The south wall luxuriates with gardens, some inside, some outside, but all protected in a natural micro-climate.

Hydroponic gardens are built on a series of terraced shelves. These provide air-filtering and sweetening as well as sun control for what Wedin described as



South side of the mega-structure city

"residential yards," the next element in the multi-membrane skin. "Residential yards are equivalent to suburban backyards but more; to private patio-courtyards but more; to mountaintop retreats but more; a spectacular view to the fields and orchards of the food belt below with all its accompanying attributes, good smells, noise and dust control. And, beyond the food belt, a vista of mountains, fields, valleys or desert depending on location."

Self-sufficiency is one of the features of the mega-structure. Not only do its solar collectors supply it with photovoltaic energy — as its gardens offer a natural air control — but the immediate vicinity of Medina Gedida is put to use to feed the city's inhabitants. Waste, both physical and

energetic, is a contemporary plague, and its avoidance must rank as a crowning virtue of Wedin's design. Private vehicles have no role in his town; internal communication is seen in horizontal, and pedestrian, terms. To travel outside the mega-structure, residents may avail themselves of a car rental agency, located logically on the wide west wall of Medina Gedida. The core face of the flats thus need not act as a buffer against a torrent of cars streaming past residents' doorsteps.

Although the capital outlay for a mega-structure is vast, its long-term savings could well justify the initial expense. Saudi Arabia could be one of the few sponsors with both the resources and the incentive to undertake such a project. "When we consider the repair and replacement of such things as utility systems, we can appreciate how reasonable the long-range cost of the mega-structure would be," said Wedin. "Consider how the capital required by individuals for utilities, transportation and services generally would be dissipated by this concept. "Shelter is more than a roof overhead. To protect one's backside while gazing to worlds beyond, I believe, is a basic need. Therefore one of my objectives is to offer an urban form in which the private dwelling forms an outer surface protected on the inward side and opening outward onto a wilderness which, depending on circumstances, might be a valley, the sea, or a desert."

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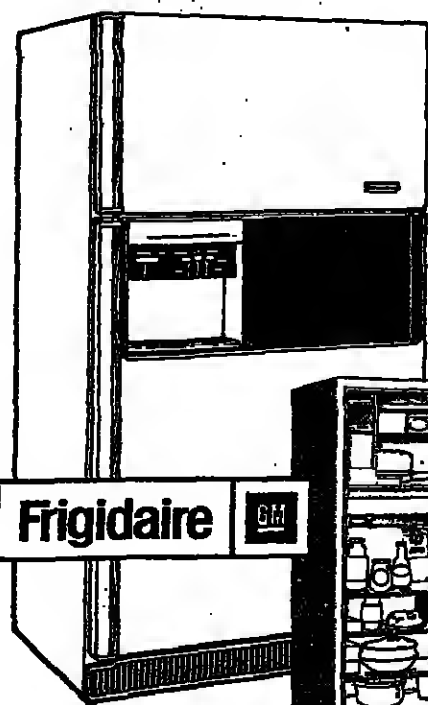


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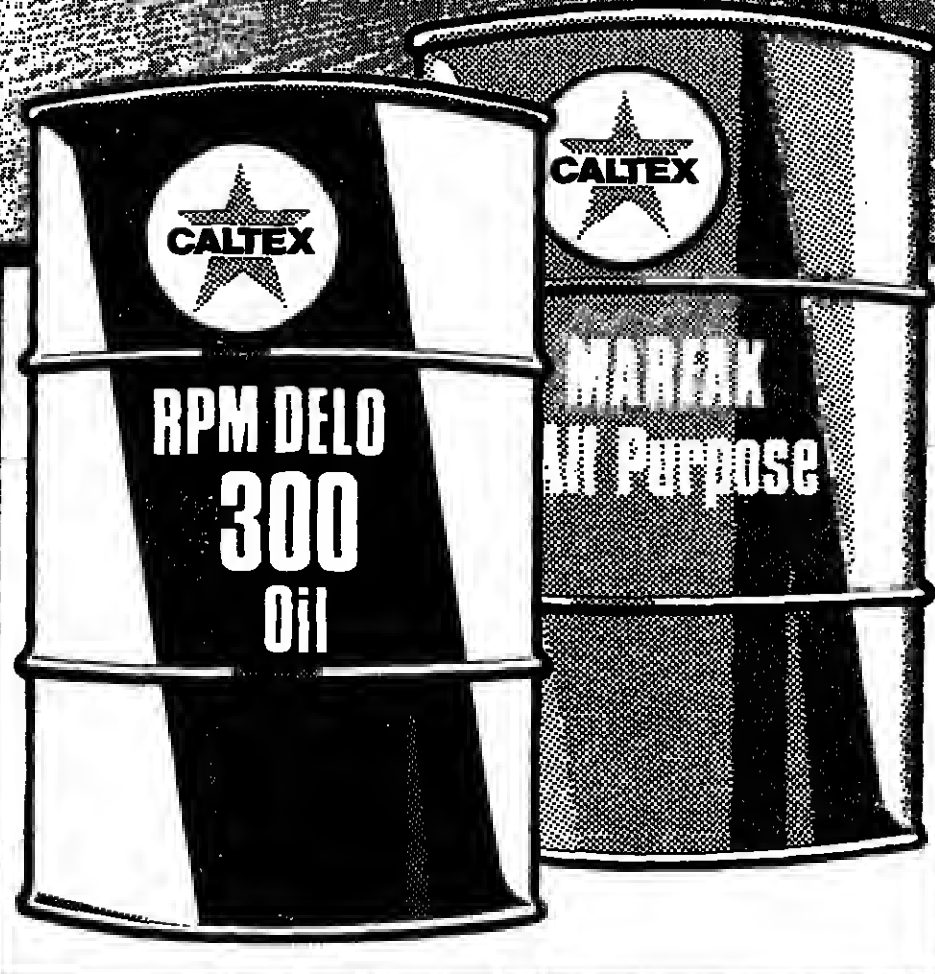
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Test flight for the Gossamer Albatross

Pilot pedals to win £100,000

By a Staff Reporter
LONDON — Ever since the dawn of time man has been fascinated by the dream of unaided flight. In Greek mythology Icarus found an untimely end during flight when his wax wings were melted as he got too close to the sun.

Now an American plans to cross the 36-kilometer English Channel powered only by his legs. Cyclist and hang-gliding enthusiast Bryan Allen is preparing to make the attempt in the Gossamer Albatross, and he and its designer, Dr. Paul MacCready, are confident of success.

In 1977 they won a £50,000 prize put by British industrialist

Henry Kramer for a 1.15 mile, seven-minute flight in California in an earlier pedal plane, the Gossamer Condor.

This time, success will bring them Kramer's long-standing £100,000 prize for the first channel crossing. The flight from Dover to Cap Gris-Nez, near Calais, will be closely monitored by officials from the Royal Aeronautical Society. Allen and MacCready expect the 55lb, Albatross — with a wingspan of 96 feet it is wider than many commercial aircraft — to average 18 kilometers an hour.

"Ideally we want no wind, or as little wind as possible," said Allen last week, as the plastic-covered superbird went on display at the U.S. embassy here.

"Turbulence caused by ships could be a problem," he added. Allen will pedal-drive a propeller from the plastic cockpit.

A fleet of boats will accompany the radio-equipped plane in case it has to ditch in the sea.

Test flights have been completed and Allen is now waiting for suitable weather for his historic bid.



Pilot Allen and designer MacCready

Disaster of the lost forests

By Margot Hornblower

WASHINGTON — Two years ago the water in Lake Gatun, a vital supply for the Panama Canal, dropped dramatically during a drought. Major shippers had to send cargo 10,000 miles around Cape Horn.

The incident shocked canal operators, but not the scientists who have been studying its watershed. Over the last 25 years, 35 per cent of the dense tropical forests above the canal have been burned for farms and pastures. Without forests to soak up rain and hold the soil together, the balance of nature is giving way to floods, droughts and massive erosion.

A recent State Department report concludes: "By the time the United States transfers the canal to Panama, the canal may have become a worthless ditch, a colossal monument to resource mismanagement."

What is happening in Panama is happening elsewhere in Central America, in Southeast Asia, in Africa and throughout what was once a broad green belt stretching around the earth from the Tropic of Capricorn to the Tropic of Cancer.

Roughly half the earth's forests have disappeared since 1950 and the bulk of destruction has been in tropical zones. At the present rate, more than two-thirds of the world's remaining rainforests will be gone by the turn of the century, scientists say.

It is, they say, an unprecedented ecological disaster with economic repercussions as serious as the oil crisis. Timber and firewood shortages, inflation, destruction of rivers and agricultural land and widespread extinction of potentially useful species of plants and animals are the predicted consequences of deforestation.

Tropical forests harbor a quarter of the world's species of plants and animals — more than any other ecosystem. The bizarre and the beautiful are commonplace: orangutans and marmosets, ocelots and jaguars, hummingbirds and hyacinth macaws, scaly anteaters and two-toed sloths.

Biologists predict deforestation will cause the extinction of a staggering half million species — one-fifth the world's total — by the end of the century. Many U.S. songbirds and waterfowl, which winter in Central America, could disappear.

Most of these species have yet to be discovered, much less

studied for potential uses. World agriculture depends on a vast gene pool to develop new grain hybrids when pests and disease destroy crops. Forty percent of all medicines derive from wild plants and animals.

"When you cut down a wet, low-land tropical forest, what eventually grows back is something completely different," says Gerardo Budowski, a Venezuelan scientist. "Instead of the rainforest's 300 tree species, a secondary forest might have only ten."

In Central America, forests are becoming a major political issue. Articles and editorials on the subject abound. New laws are being passed and politicians are jumping on the bandwagon.

"Young people must decide what sort of country they wish to inherit: one devastated ecologically, or one in harmony with the environment," declared Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo in announcing his plan of action to save the forests.

Carazo said 150,000 acres are destroyed a year — a rate that will "cause the disappearance of the country's forests, except for those in protected areas, before the year 2000."

However, while Costa Rica is setting aside parks and forest

reserves, it has yet to deal with what scientists say is the heart of the problem: the conversion of forests to cattle ranches for the lucrative U.S. market.

"The situation is getting desperate," said Joseph Tosi of Costa Rica's Tropical Science Center.

Local beef consumption has dropped sharply while "the country gets more foreign exchange to buy cheap Japanese cars and the tiny cattle oligarchy is further enriched," he added.

Guatemala has lost 65 per cent of its forests since 1950. The motagua river, once a principal artery, has lost more than half its volume.

President Romeo Lucas Garcia has declared 1979 the Year of Reforestation. An emergency law was passed to require every student to plant 20 trees a year, and convicts to plant 50 each. Income tax breaks are offered for tree plantations.

Under pressure from exploding population and food demand, Latin American countries have pushed settlement schemes to avoid demands for land redistribution. Brazil encouraged thousands of farmers to burn vast areas for the Amazon, only to find the land was useless after a few seasons. — (WF)

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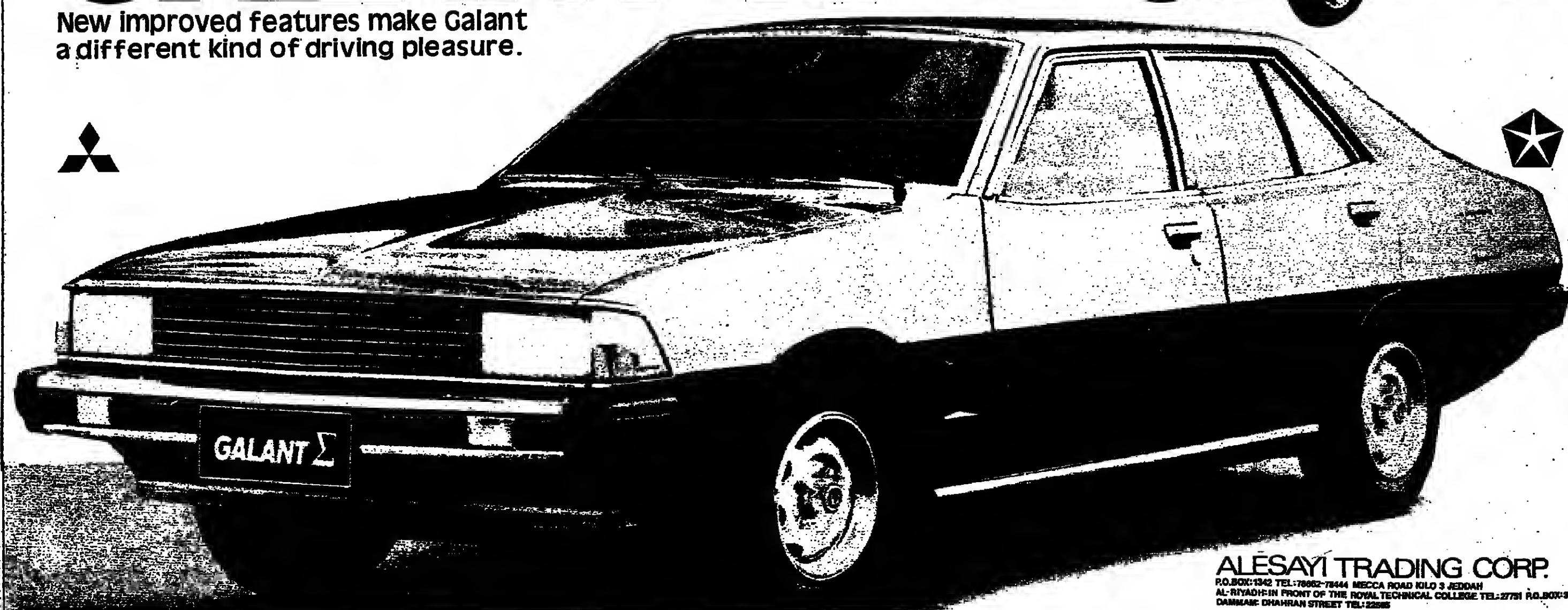
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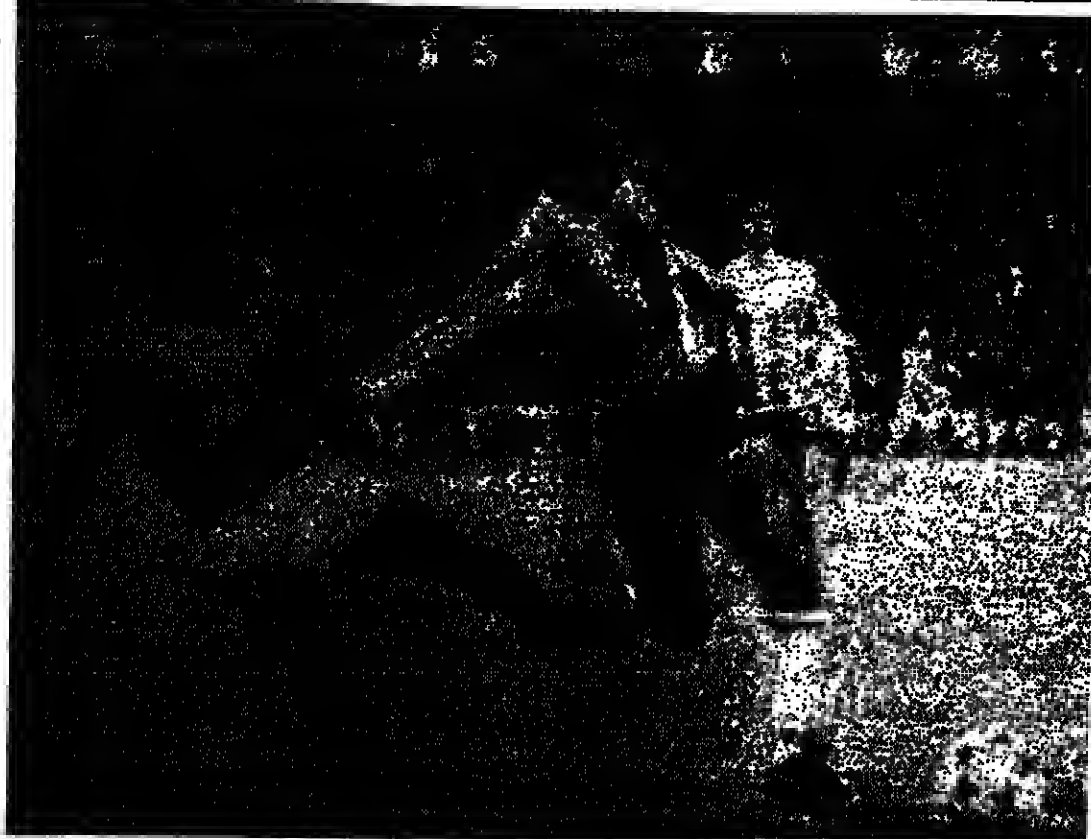
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HOLDING: Dutchman Simon Tahamata holds the arm of Argentine Jorge Olguin when fighting for the ball during Tuesday night's FIFA 75th anniversary game in Bern. Argentina won the World Cup rematch on penalty kicks.

In British championship

Wales holds England to 0-0 draw

LONDON, May 25 (R) — England and Wales, the unbeaten teams in the British soccer championship, fought a goalless draw at Wembley here Wednesday night with the Welsh battling heroically to fend off massive late pressure.

The result leaves Wales, which was to play Northern Ireland Friday, with a slightly better chance of winning the tournament than England, which faces Scotland the next day.

England controlled Wednesday night's match in mid-field with Ray Wilkins and Terry McDermott outstanding. But it had nothing to show for its endeavor and in an effort to break the deadlock Steve Coppell was sent on for the ponderous Bob Latchford after 68 minutes. A few minutes later Trevor Brooking replaced Tony Currie in midfield.

The changes refreshed the attack and inspired by the mercurial though weary Kevin Keegan, England kept Wales at full stretch to the end.

Trevor Cherry got his head to a

Brooking corner in a last desperate assault by England, but the massed red shirts on the goal line somehow scrambled the ball away.

England had the better of the early play but failed to put away their chances. Once McDermott

volleyed a headed pass from Latchford against the post with the goalkeeper Dai Davies stranded.

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Dazzling Rio success erases Argentine failure for Coutinho

By Jane Braga

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 25 (R) — Brazil's hyper-critical soccer public is looking at national team manager Claudio Coutinho with new respect after the stunning successes of his Rio club, Flamengo.

Flamengo fans buried the city under a canopy of red and black club flags when the team won the state championship for the second year running this week — unbeaten in 44 matches.

Coutinho returned here under a cloud last year after Brazil managed only third place in the Argentine World Cup but he has regained the confidence of the fans.

By Brazilian standards he is an oddity, willing to sacrifice individual flair for cohesive force. But he has silenced critics by making Flamengo the country's number one club.

A former army captain who believes that South American footballers fall to the greater stamina and discipline of European players, Coutinho has ignored the howl of rage that his views once prompted and now looks set to take Brazil to the

World Cup in Spain in 1982.

"He has taken the samba out of football," one diehard critic moaned as Flamengo steadily wore down opponents at the giant Maracana Stadium here on its way to the championship.

The remark seemed ridiculous this week when thousands of fans backed by an army of samba drummers danced their way to a victory celebration at the Flamengo club and downed 20,000 pints of free drink in under an hour.

"Flamengo was assured of the championship before the match. It wanted to maintain its unbeaten record and thank God it only drew against Botafogo (2-2). A victory would have provoked a riot," one newspaper commented.

Much of Flamengo's success must be credited to international striker Arthur Antunes Coimbra, 26, known as "Zico."

Dubbed by adoring fans as "the white Pele," Zico was top scorer in the Rio championship, with 26

goals, more than twice as many as anyone else.

Zico, looking a certainty for Brazil's 1982 World Cup squad despite uninspired performances in Argentina last year, is much in demand by advertising agents.

A real-estate firm swiftly sold off 70 per cent of the flats it had on the market after the slim, handsome Flamengo star appeared in its advertisements.

Gladbach wins UEFA Cup, 1-0.

DUESSELDORF, May 25 (R) — Borussia Moenchengladbach of West Germany captured the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup for the second time in four years by beating Red Star Belgrade of Yugoslavia, 1-0, in a tense battle here Wednesday night.

Borussia, which had forced a 1-1 draw in the first leg of the final in Belgrade, won through a penalty by Danish international Allan Simonsen in the 18th minute.

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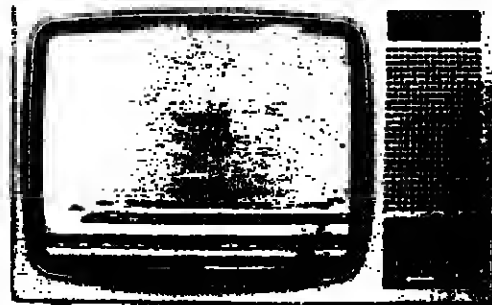
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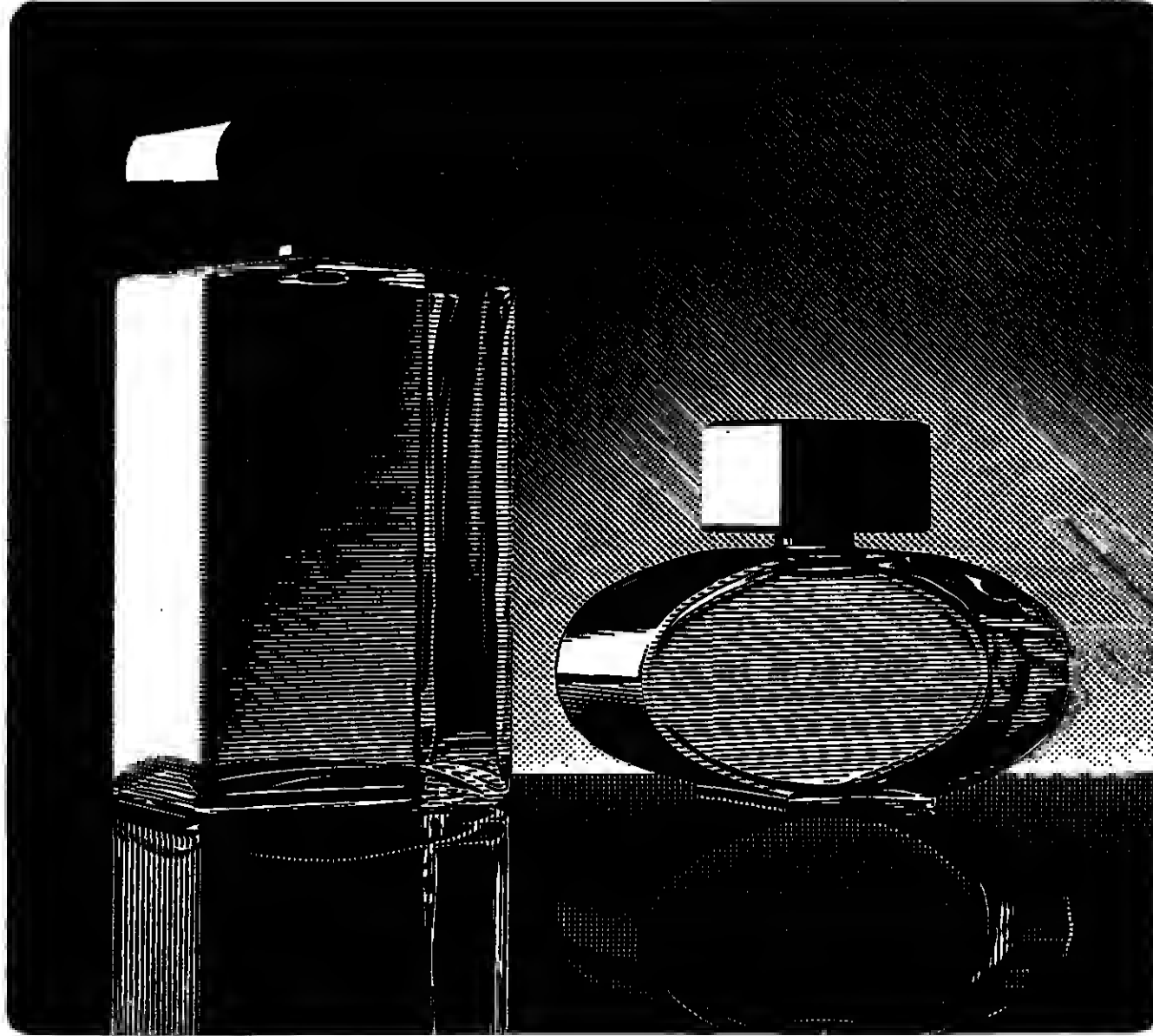
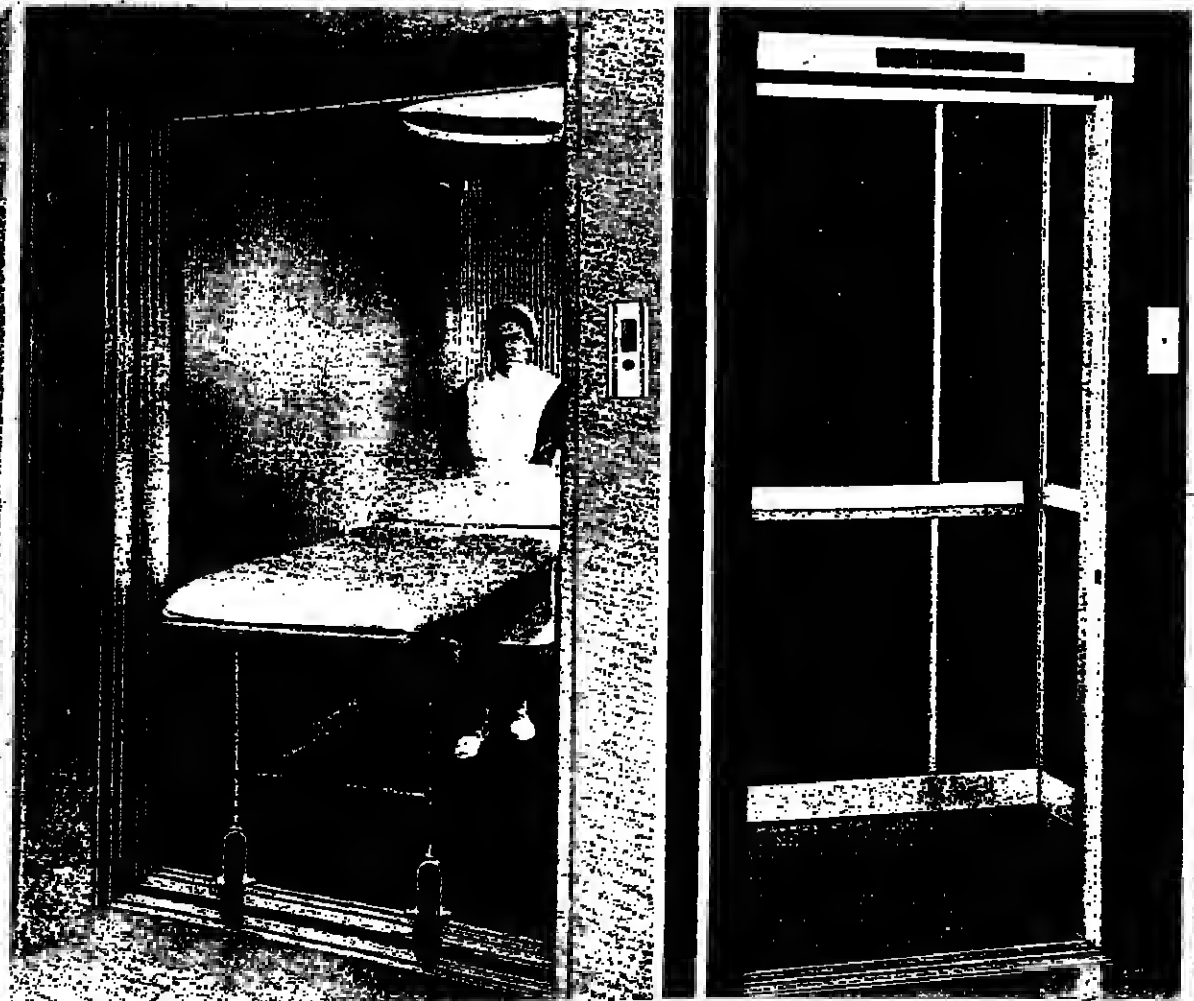
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Indy field ordered to court

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. May 25 (R) — All drivers competing in Sunday's Indianapolis 500-mile race were to appear in court Friday in an unprecedented legal check for cheating.

A judge Thursday ordered the race's 33 qualifying drivers to

appear before him with the tailpipes of their cars to determine whether they had illegally narrowed the exhaust openings to get more power.

Marion County Superior Court Judge Michael Dugan took action after competitor Wayne Wood-

ward, who was disqualified for cheating, filed a suit to stop the race unless he was reinstated.

Woodward was excluded from the field last weekend when officials discovered a valve on his exhaust had been welded shut to give his car extra horsepower on a qualifying run by substitute driver Dick Ferguson.

Woodward alleged that half the other drivers who qualified had done the same thing to get more speed and circumvent turbo-boost restrictions placed on cars this year by the U.S. Auto Club.

"No judge in his right mind would stop the race when 300,000 people are coming from all over the country to see it," fumed one Indianapolis Speedway official.

Some drivers reacted angrily when served with the subpoenas to show up in court. Four-time winner A.J. Foyt slapped the court order away when a deputy sheriff attempted to hand it to him.

Other drivers went into hiding and it was not known how many subpoenas were actually served.

Judge Dugan told the sheriff's Department to tack the subpoenas to the drivers' garage doors at the speedway if it could not find the competitors or their agents.

Cricket prowess propels islands to unwanted fame

BIRMINGHAM, England, May 25 (R) — The small islands of Sri Lanka and Bermuda Thursday relished unaccustomed roles as favorites in the World Cup cricket qualifying competition being played in the English Midlands.

They have few opportunities to make an impact in the hectic world of international sport but this competition provides them with a rare chance.

Sri Lanka against the United States is liable to be a mis-match in any sporting contest, and so it proved at Northampton Thursday. But this time Sri Lanka was the masters and it was able to teach the Americans about cricket in a six-wicket victory in their opening Group Three match.

Bermuda, which like Sri Lanka counts cricket a national sport, was no less impressive as it overwhelmed Papua New Guinea by seven wickets in their first game in group One at Stourbridge.

Sri Lanka immediately jumped into joint leadership in its group



OUSTED: Britain's Sue Barker, who was beaten by 18-year-old Silvia Hanika in the third round of the Berlin International women's championship.

Young German outplays Barker in Berlin

BERLIN, May 25 (AP) — Unseeded Sylvia Hanika of West Germany upset fifth-seeded Sue Barker 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$100,000 German Women's Tennis Championships.

The 19-year-old Hanika, the only German left in the event, came from behind in the final two sets to oust the 23-year-old Briton. Hanika fell behind 1-3 in the second set before roaring off five straight games to even the match at one set apiece.

Barker, who has not played in

any tournaments in the past two weeks because of tendonitis in her right arm, jumped to a quick lead, this time 4-1 before Hanika started playing with a consistency that brought her to the final of the Italian championship two weeks ago.

Hanika held serve for 2-4, broke Barker for 3-4 when the Britisher threw in an untimely double fault and evened the match at 4 games apiece by holding serve at 15.

The left-handed Hanika broke Barker once again for 5-4 and moved to a 40-love three match point advantage in the next game. Barker, refused to hold without a struggle. Hanika hit a forehand long for 40-15, then Barker played a deep lob followed by a deft back drop volley for 40-30.

Then she came to the net and hit three volleys and an overhead to save her third-match point to put the game at deuce.

After a Barker forehand in the net, Hanika followed a first serve to the net on match point No. 4, but Barker again held and ripped a

New Delhi Asiad suffers setback

NEW DELHI, May 25 (AP) — Plans for the 1982 Asian Games in New Delhi suffered a setback Thursday when India's Public Works and Housing Minister Sikander Bakht announced he has ordered his officials not to build the facilities required for the Games.

Bakht complained he was not consulted by a government-appointed supervisory committee before it assigned work on construction of stadiums and of the athletes' village to a group of architects.

Moscow, Bonn view security at Olympics

MOSCOW, May 25 (AP) — West German Interior Minister Gerhart Baum said Friday he had met the Soviet Union's top police official to discuss efforts to improve "inner security" at the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

He said his meeting with Soviet Interior Minister Nikolai A. Shchelokov involved "an exchange of experiences" regarding security problems.

Baum did not go into detail. But his session with Shchelokov clearly dealt with tightened security techniques developed by West German police since the slaying of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian commandos at the 1972 Olympics in Munich.

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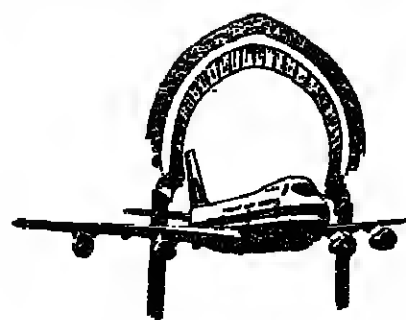
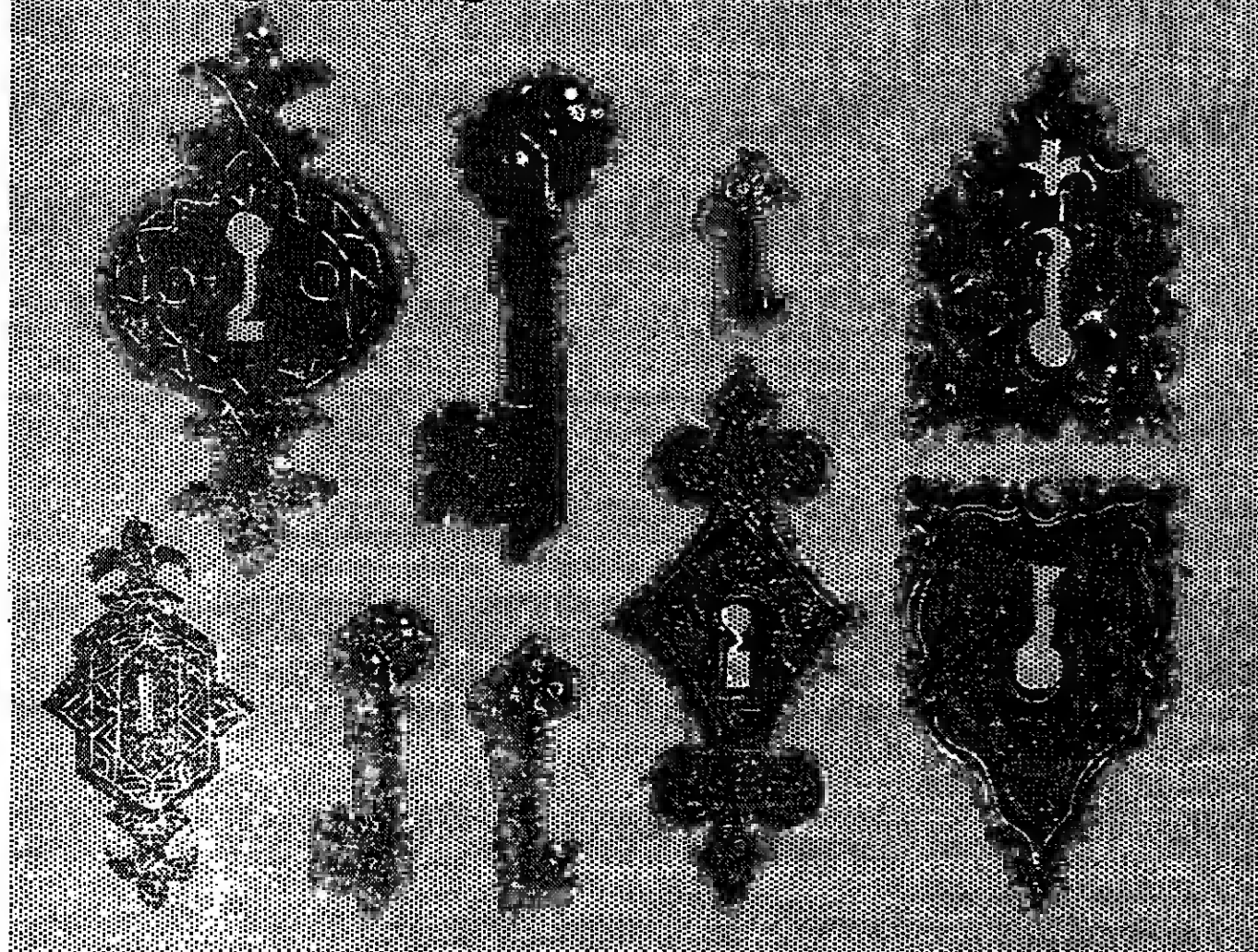
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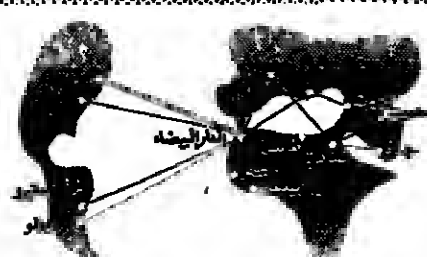
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White House strikes back at Democrats on oil vote

WASHINGTON, May 25 (R) — The White House struck back Thursday at President Jimmy Carter's fellow Democrats in the House of Representatives for trying to make him reverse a decision he feels is a key to reducing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

White House spokesman Jody Powell said the call by a majority of House Democrats for the president to keep price controls on oil produced in the United States "is clearly contrary to the best interests of this country."

"It is a politically attractive

non-answer to our energy problems," Powell said.

In a move to increase U.S. output and cut dependence on foreign oil, the president decided last month to phase out the controls between next June 1 and September 30, 1981.

But House Democrats, doubtful whether this would accomplish his goals and concerned about already higher gasoline prices, Thursday approved by 138 to 69 a non-binding resolution to keep controls.

Approval of the resolution had been expected following two similar votes Wednesday and Tuesday by the Democratic Caucus. Its sponsor, Connecticut's Toby Moffatt, said he would soon take it to the House floor as a legally binding amendment to an Energy Department money authorization measure.

A full House on the amendment is expected to be close but Senate approval of any similar measure is seen as unlikely.

After the vote, Andrew Maguire of New Jersey said, "the administration has yet made its case that the proposal would result in increased production and more conservation of fuel."

House Republican Leader John Rhodes of Arizona agreed at a news conference and said his party would introduce a resolution asking Carter for up-to-date information on oil supplies.

Moffatt said he would need 30 to 40 Republican votes to gain approval for his amendment, but Rhodes said he had made no accurate count of Republican views.

The Democratic Caucus vote, in the face of intensive White House lobbying and pleas by the party leadership, was the latest in a series of rebuffs to the president.

Two weeks ago the House rejected his proposed plan to ration petrol in an emergency. It rejected a proposed budget of \$532 billion Wednesday because of cuts in social programs, but Thursday it agreed to a Senate compromise setting that figure as a target for the financial year beginning on October 1.

cal purposes.

The figures repeated by Diaz Serrano on Thursday refer to combined crude oil and natural gas reserves. Pemex geologists say approximately two-thirds is oil and one-third natural gas equivalent and recoverable gas liquids.

Mexico is one of the few — and probably the only — country in the world to use combined crude oil and gas reserve figures, a fact that was criticized by Senior Vice President James W. Watson of Degolyer and MacNaughton, the Dallas, based firm that certified Mexico's reserves in 1977, according to the "Los Angeles Times" article.

Since then, Diaz Serrano said the reserve and other figures compiled by Pemex are certified by the government's Mexico Petroleum Institute.

"Los Angeles Times" reporters were unable to interview Diaz Serrano before the article was published, a Pemex spokesman said because Diaz Serrano was out of town.

Mexican aide denies fabricating oil figures

MEXICO CITY May 25 (AP)

— A senior government official Thursday challenged press reports published in the United States that Mexico was inflating its petroleum reserve figures for political purposes and said the country's reserves remain unchanged.

"Our reserves continue the same — 40 billion barrels of proven reserves, 44 billion barrels of probable reserves and 200 billion barrels of potential reserves," Petroleos Mexicanos President Jorge Diaz Serrano told a news conference.

Petroleos Mexicanos or Pemex — a state owned company — runs Mexico's petroleum and gas industry, which was nationalized when Mexico expropriated 17 foreign and national oil companies in 1938.

Although he did not mention it by name, Diaz Serrano appeared to be replying to a May 18 article in the "Los Angeles Times," quoting a number of prominent experts as saying that Pemex had inflated Mexico's reserve figures for political



LINELESS: Los Angeles service station operator Walter Thomas holds his arms out in disbelief earlier this week when lines of people waiting to buy gasoline all but disappeared. There was no clear explanation of the lack of the lines which have clogged California gas stations for the past month.

\$532 billion

Congress approves target budget

WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)

— A \$532 billion U.S. government budget target for fiscal 1980 won final congressional approval Thursday after House of Representatives liberals called off their revolt against higher defense spending and supplied just enough votes for passage.

The target budget, which cleared the House by a slim 202-196 margin, closely parallels President Jimmy Carter's spending recommendations. However, it calls for a \$23 billion deficit, \$6 billion less than Carter recommended in January.

The speeding package also projected balanced budgets in fiscal 1981 and 1982.

The House approved the 1980 target budget after leading liberal

als, appeased by a Senate concession granting more money for education, withdrew their opposition.

On Wednesday, House liberals, angry over higher defense spending and cuts in social programs, joined with conservatives dismayed over continued deficit spending to soundly defeat the budget, 260-144.

The Senate then voted 72-17 to add \$350 million more in long-range education spending but refused to give in to demands by House liberals for offsetting cuts in defense spending.

Because the House approved an amended version of the Senate target budget, the vote represented final action on the non-

binding pending recommendations for fiscal 1980, which starts Oct. 1. The target budget is used as a guide for congressional committees as they appropriate money and therefore does not require the president's signature.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	Nn. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Securing of insecticides	100		June 16
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of five wells in the Central Province	19/1	500	June 2
Municipality of Yanbu	Supplying of drinking water from the rural areas of Yanbu Al-Nakhil	99/1400	1000	June 16
Directorate General of Health Affairs, Eastern Province	Operating and maintaining of power generating units	50		June 12
Saudi Red Crescent Society, Riyadh	Supply of 32 ordinary ambulances, 10 instrument-equipped ambulances, 5 small pickups, 2 winches, 2 large pickups, 2 Jeeps and 3 small cars	50		June 10
Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Drilling of wells in Wadi Al-Dawasser	18/1	100	May 27

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NEW YORK, May 25 — The market took a positive note in late afternoon trading Thursday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 26 for the day. Transports were unchanged at 233.44, and utilities rose .65. Volume of trading for the day was 25.7 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers by a slight margin. The American Exchange Index added 99 to 183.09.

Among the most active issues up 1/4 to 3/4, Interwest advanced 5/4 to 41 1/4, Reliance Electric gained 3/4 to 48 1/4, Ingersoll rose 1/4 to 20 1/4, March fell 1/4 to 63 1/4, and Reserve Oil and Gas added 1/4 to 71 1/4.

Growth and glamour were mixed with thoroughness up 1/4 to 59 1/4, Ecolab added 1/4 to 68, IBM gained 1/4 to 306 1/4, Xerox fell 1/4 to 58 1/4 2-dv, Texas Inst gained 1/4 to 85 1/4, Coke lost 1/4 to 38 1/4, and Procter and Gamble added 1/4 to 80 1/4.

Among the energy issues Phillips gained 1/4 to 37 1/4, Mobil fell 1/4 to 74 1/4, Pittman up 1/4 to 22 1/4, Halliburton lost 1/4 to 67 1/4, and Marpo down 1/4 to 29 1/4.

Basic industry issues were little changed with the exception of National Steel off 1/4 to 31 1/4, Duffport fell 1/4 to 123 1/4, Union Carbide added 1/4 to 38 1/4, and Financial Federation gained 1/4 to 38 1/4.

Auto and machinery issues turned in a negative performance with Ford off 1/4 to 41 1/4, GM fell 1/4 to 58 1/4, Breyer Eric up 1/4 to 19 1/4, Deere down 1/4 to 34 1/4, and Ingersoll Rand fell 1/4 to 49 1/4.

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TOKYO, May 25 (R)—Japan's Honda Motor Company Friday announced that its profits had been cut in half in the past year, despite higher sales. A company spokesman said in the financial year while ended in February profits had dropped to \$ 64.34 million from \$ 125.52 million in the previous year. The spokesman said the main reason was that the yen had risen in value by 19 per cent, which meant foreign earnings were worth less in yen terms. Three-fifths of Honda's total production was sold abroad. The company sold 2.46 million motorcycles and 746,000 trucks and cars altogether. Total sales were up by \$ 200 million to \$ 4.7 billion from \$ 4.5 billion the previous year.

Honda recently announced a link-up with British Leyland to produce a Honda model in Britain under the brand name triumph.

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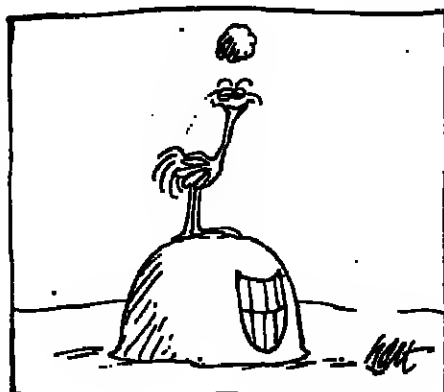
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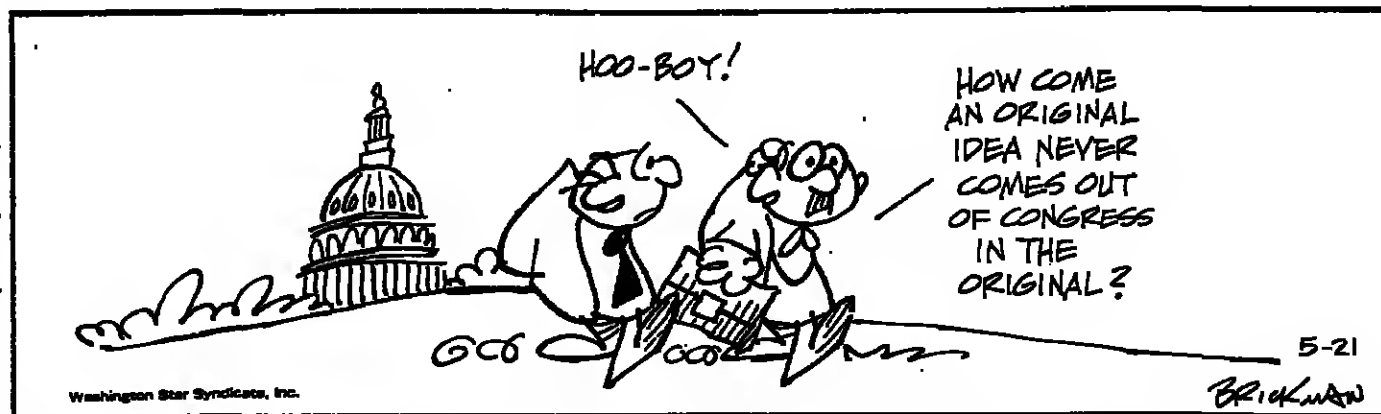
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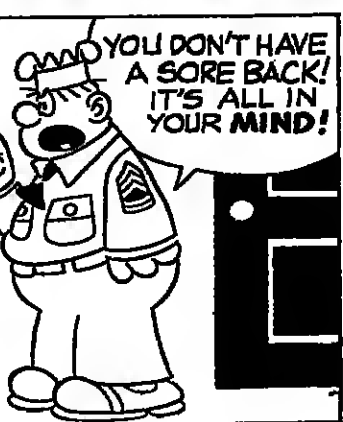
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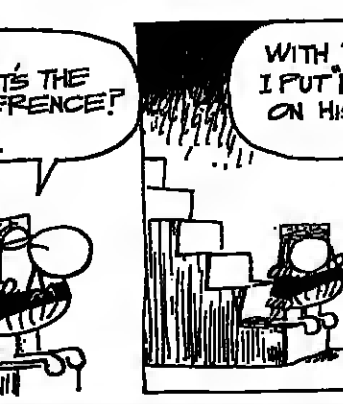
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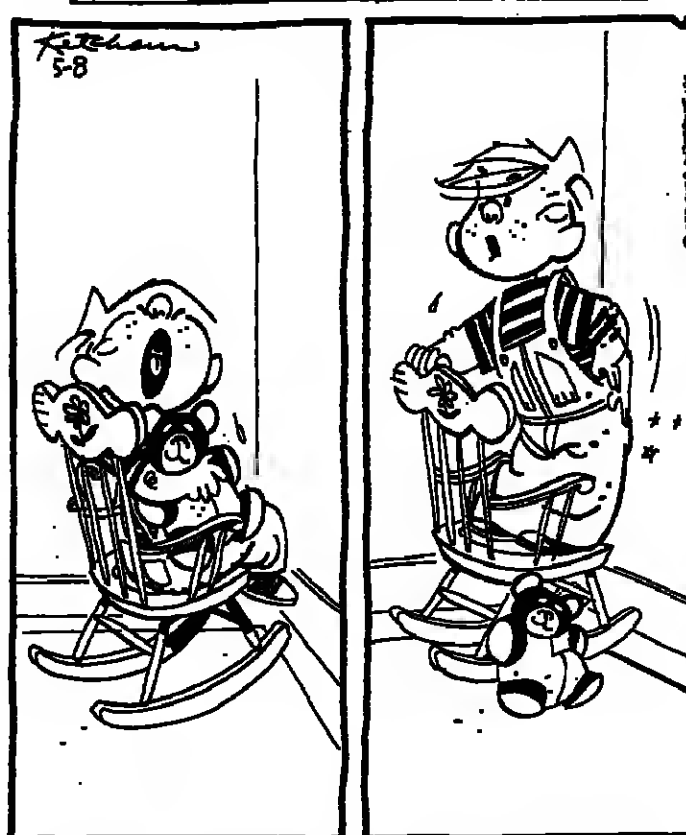
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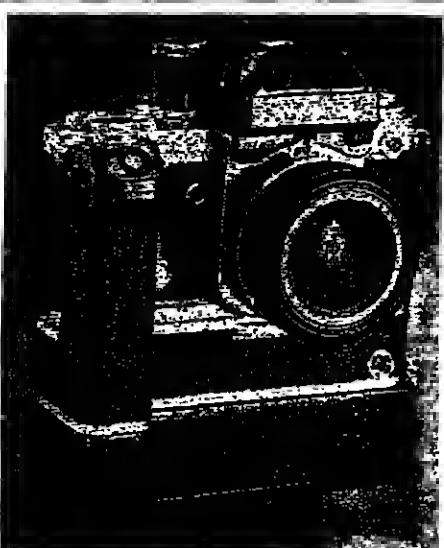
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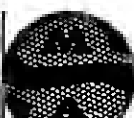
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International

High court denies reprieve

Condemned killer in U.S. executed in electric chair

STARKE, Fla. May 25 (AP)—Convicted murderer John A. Spenkelink was put to death in Florida's electric chair becoming the first prisoner executed unwillingly in the United States in more than 12 years.

Spenkelink, 30, lost his last hope of reprieve four minutes before the scheduled execution when the Supreme Court in Washington voted 6-2 to deny a stay. Lawyers for Spenkelink had presented a petition for a stay to the court clerk at 7 a.m.

Spenkelink was the first man executed in the United States since Gary Mark Gilmore willingly went before a Utah firing squad in 1977. Before that, no execution had been carried out in this country since 1967.

Spenkelink was pronounced dead at 10:18 a.m. (1418 GMT) at the Florida State Prison. He received the first jolt of electricity at 10:13 a.m.

After the first surge, which singed the skin on his right calf, sending smoke into the death chamber, Spenkelink received another jolt of electricity.

A doctor was then called to check his heart at 10:14 a.m. The doctor looked at prison superintendent David Brierton, stepped back and waited two more minutes, when he again checked Spenkelink's heart with a stethoscope and again stepped back. Finally at 10:18, he made a third check, lifted the hood to look at Spenkelink's eyes, and checked his heart. Spenkelink was dead.

The execution, which was to have begun promptly at 10 a.m., was inexplicably delayed until 10:11, when the venetian blinds separating official and media witnesses from the electric chair were opened, showing Spenkelink already in the huge oaken death chair.

He was wearing a white gown rolled up at the sleeves and blue pants. A towel was placed under his chin.

A leather harness was placed around his head, over his chin and his arms and chest. His legs and ankles were secured to the chair with wide leather straps.

Spenkelink was not allowed a traditional last statement. Prison officials had said he would make a final speech.

Spenkelink was fastened so securely in the head harness that he could not open his mouth and stared impassively at the 32 people who witnessed the execution on the other side of the glass partition. About a minute after the blinds were drawn, a black hood was lowered over Spenkelink's face. Several attendants inside the death room stepped back from the death chair and the first jolt of electricity was delivered.

When the jolt surged through his body, Spenkelink clenched his left fist.

Shortly after Spenkelink received the first electricity charge his hands began to curl and blacken. He moved only slightly during the entire five-minute ordeal and once he had been pronounced dead the blinds dropped, concealing the death room again.

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WEeping MOTHER: Mrs. Lois Spenkelink, whose son John was executed Friday, dries her eyes after breaking down during questioning by reporters on her visit to the Florida governor's mansion to plead for clemency. Her appeal was in vain.

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Spanish general assassinated

MADRID, May 25 (R)—A general, two colonels and a soldier died in Spain's worst urban guerrilla attack of the year Friday and an anonymous caller claimed that Basque separatists were responsible.

A man phoned the Madrid newspaper "El Pais" and said "I'll repeat it once only, the ETA military wing claims this morning's attack."

Police said they were taking the call seriously, although the violent military wing of ETA, the Basque separatist organization, does not normally claim responsibility for attacks so promptly.

ETA usually gives its assassins time to get well clear of the scene of a crime before sending a detailed statement to Basque newspapers.

Police sources said eyewitnesses to the attack in Madrid had identified two known members of ETA's military wing as the suspected gunmen.

Lt. Gen. Luis Gomez Horteiguela, 69, his two aides and the private driving their official car all died in the machine-gun and bomb attack.

Two gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons on the car which was carrying the men to work at army headquarters in Madrid.

When the car came to a halt in the middle of the road the attackers opened a door and tossed in a hand grenade which exploded, blowing the roof off the car.

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OAPEC demanding increased share in world bulk shipping

MANILA, May 25 (R)—Arab oil exporting nations warned Friday that they could no longer accept the present ownership structure of the world's bulk cargo fleets—particularly of tankers.

The Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said it may be forced to take unilateral action unless international agreements were reached that allowed Arab oil producers to carry more of their exports in their own ships.

Khalid Al-Shawi, chief of the OAPEC delegation at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) here, provided a copy of a speech he made in a closed-door shipping committee.

"As a group of developing nations exporting about 60 per cent of oil carried by sea, we are not expected to be satisfied with our present less than three per cent of this commodity's seaborne trade," he said.

"Unfortunately the present practice in bulk maritime transportation does not amount to fair trade and free competition," Al-Shawi said. "We all know that maritime bulk transport is controlled by particular interests in the trade."

"If vested interests block or further delay a just solution, then scattered unilateral actions will be forced upon developing countries. (We) ourselves do not like to see this, but may find it hard to avoid."

The warning from OAPEC came soon after the world's 119 developing nations introduced a tough resolution at UNCTAD calling for a freight-sharing scheme that would restructure the world

ownership of bulk ships and tankers.

A separate resolution tabled by Western industrialized nations, estimated to own about 53 per cent of world tonnage directly and another 27 per cent under so-called flags of convenience, indicated no willingness to get involved in formal freight sharing agreements.

The UNCTAD shipping committee, which aims to devise a plan to help poorer nations carry more of their exports and imports in their own ships, has before it several recommendations by the UNCTAD secretariat.

These suggest gradually phasing out flags of convenience, under which about one-third of world shipping is registered, particularly in Liberia and Panama, which have favorable shipping laws. The secretariat also suggested equitable sharing of bulk cargoes, which account for about 80 per cent of world trade.

A code of conduct for liner conferences, which operate scheduled shipping services accounting for 20 per cent of traffic, are covered under a separate code which plans a sharing of freight 40-40 between ships flying the flags of the countries importing and exporting the cargo concerned.

The other 20 per cent can be carried by cross traders not directly involved.

But Friday the developing countries took a stronger stand than they have taken before.

They introduced a resolution proposing that all regular bulk and refrigerated cargo between exporting and importing countries should be equally shared by vessels of the trading countries.

The government has said it will not move into the embassy unless officially requested. There are five hostages in the French Embassy including Ambassador Michel Dondenne.

The state of siege, a measure just short of martial law, was imposed by the government on Wednesday after the assassination of Education Minister Carlos Herrera Rebollo by unidentified gunmen.

On Thursday President Carlos Humberto Romero led about 3,000 mourners in a funeral march for his education minister.

That march came just after 7,000 people held an illegal funeral procession for seven of the 14 persons who were shot by Romero's police in another clash. The victims had been taking food to militants occupying the Venezuelan Embassy when they were shot by security forces.

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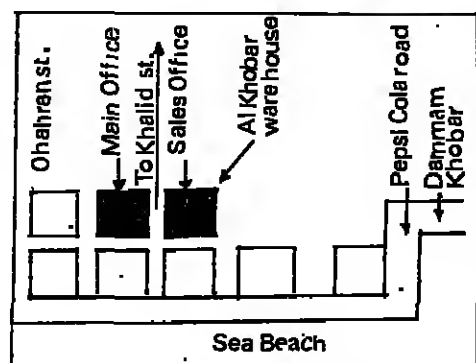
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